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THE LEGATEE OF DOUGLASS' MANTLE

Bruce's Peculiar Points of Availability Set Forth—Mrs. Mary Church-Terrell a Creditable Type of the "New Woman" as She Should be—Recorder Cheatham's Axe—Jones Loses His Civil Rights Suit—Taylor to be Dean at Morris Brown—A Mirror of Washington's Every Day Life.

Washington, D. C., Special.

The situation in political circles as it relates to positive results, remains unchanged. A steady undercurrent, however, is being felt, and its tendency points toward a coalition of forces with a view of securing speedy action. Shrewd leaders recognize the danger in the helter-skelter race that has been going on for several weeks. They know how fatal these divisions have been to Negro prospects under former administrations. They readily see that the good places are going fast, and that unless the colored people get themselves together and concentrate their strength where it will be most effective, the old story of "left at the post" will be repeated. The Colored American comes to the front and urges united effort, naming the Register of the Treasury as the best battle ground for a starter. It agrees with nine-tenths of the colored masses that the strongest and most available candidate is ex-Senator B. K. Bruce. Your correspondent had previously taken this position, and is more firmly convinced than ever that the nomination of Mr. Bruce would cement all of the discordant elements and leave the least amount of bitterness in the hearts of the disappointed. He belongs to no faction. He represents no especial clique or interest. He stands for all the people, and is the nearest approach the race has yet had to real statesmanship. For many years the names of Douglass and Bruce were linked as our best loved chieftains. Douglass is gone, and Bruce is the natural legatee of the veneration and respect which the masses felt for both. Bruce is a national character in every sense of the word and it is impossible to narrow him to a locality. His friends are everywhere, and if he has enemies they are unable to offer a logical reason why and therefore do not enter the equation. State questions of local considerations properly have no bearing upon his selection.

The suggestion that his feebler opponents withdraw from the race and thus clarify the atmosphere is a wise one. It has found favor throughout the country. The appointment of Regisier should be made by the end of the present fiscal year, June 30, and further contention only serves to delay matters to one's benefit, and to the race's detriment. The President is no doubt ready to act, but he prefers a stronger spirit of unanimity among the people he aims to please. An immediate concentration on Bruce would be the shrewedest meve ever made by the Negro in politics, and would most assuredly yield happy results. The press has started well in this matter, and should agitate a rally to Bruce while the time is ripe. We should earnestiy demonstrate that tested fitness, inflexible reliability, and broad experience find as much favor in our eyes as those qualities inspire among the thoughtful of the white race.

THE NEW WOMAN CORRECTLY TYPIFIED.

Mrs. Mary Church-Turrell has returned from New York. Her health has not been good for some months, but she discharges her many public duties with an energy, zeal and fidelity not exceeded by any of her conferes. As trustee of the public schools she has been a brilliant success, and unanimous reforms are directly traceable to her efforts. As president of the National Association of Colored Women she is exerting herself to make the coming convention at Nashville a notable affair. Her correspondence is voluminous, and she aims to answer every communication received. Her administration is proving immensely popular, and her systematic, forceful, and gracious methods are achieving wonders in extending the bounds of the organization. Mrs. Terrell unquestionably represents the highest type of character, culture and capacity known to Afro-American womanhood, and adorns both public and domestic life with equal charm. She should and doubtless will be continued as school trustee, and as the head of the finest feminine contingent in the land.

RANDOM NOTES

Dr. Frank J. Webb, editor of the Colored American Notes in the Sunday edition of the Washington Post, and who has recently embarked upon the practice of medicine in Georgetown, has resigned his position in the Treasury Department.

Hon. Judson W. Lyons, candidate for postmaster at Augusta, Ga., and Hon. H. A. Rucker who aspires to be revenue collector for the Atlanta district in the same state, returned to their homes Saturday night. They departed in a complacent frame of mind, and it seems more than likely that their mission here has been successful. Appointments are expected in a few days.

Ex-Recorder C. H. J. Taylor has been chosen dean of the law department of Morris Brown College at Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Taylor is out of the city, but it is understood by his friends that he will accept the position. Morris Brown College is one of the prosperous educational idstitutions of the A. M. E. connection.

The commencement season has been unusually brilliant. Washington society can always put out a beautiful audience, but the gay tints now in vogue produce an effect never before realized.

A rumor has gained considerable credence that a worthy Southern cotton planter will shortly lead to the altar Miss Henrietta Vinton-Davis, the well-known dramatic reader. Miss Davis does not deny the soft impeachment, but declines to give particulars at present. The fortunate gentlemen is said to be a prominent factor in Southern politics.

Roscoe Conkling Bruce is winning laurels at Exeter College. His recent delivery of Blaine's famous eulogy of Garfield is highly praised, and his appointment on the editorial staff of his college paper, the Exonian, testifies both to his rank as a student and to his strong personal popularity. Young Mr. Bruce has a magnificent future before him.

The Personal Liberty League gives its annual banquet on the 15th. This year W. Calvin Chase is designated as the guest of honor. H. A. Hawkins of West Virginia, and C. C. Curtis of Iowa, are among the League's luminaries.

Rev. Alexander Crummell has gone to London to attend the Queen Victoria's Jubilee.

C. M. Ferguson of Texas is here, seeking the internal revenue collectorship of the Austin district. N. Wright Cuney is in Texas in precarious health, but is expected on shortly. His physicians advise a trip North.

The civil rights suit of Lawyer Thomas L. Jones against Restaurant Keeper Brumhaus resulted in a decision for the defendant. Jones had the law and the evidence on his side, but Brumhaus had local sentiment and a prejudiced jury on his—with the natural results. There is a civil rights law here but it is violated daily with impunity. It seems that no jury can be found that will convict an offender against the legal prerogatives of a Negro. A victory for Jones would have revolutionized the mossback conditions existing in this vicinity. Jones is the law partner of John M. Langston.

Recorder Cheatham started his guillotine sooner than was expected, judging from the statements made upon entering his office. Dr. J. H. Shepherd of North Carolina succeeded Miss De Montfreidy some time ago. This week Misses Cora D. Nero of Kansas City, Mo., Hallie B. Williams of Texas, and Lydia B. Harrington were removed. Misses Nero and Williams were appointed by Recorder Taylor, and Miss Harrington came in under Mr. Bruce's regime. The new appointees are S. E. K. Buchanan of North Carolina; C. C. Mason of Illinois; Mrs. Elizabeth Sullivan of Pennsylvania, and L. S. Hull of Ohio. Mr. Cheatham expects to make further changes, but efficiency, he says, is to be the governing consideration in this re-arrangement of his force.

Lawyer Robert H. Terrell's oration on "Robert Gould Shaw" at Harmony Cemetery Decoration day was a masterly effort.

Public Printer Palmer has handed out several plums to the colored brother. N. W. Cuney, Jr., nephew of the Texan leader, has been promoted to the counting division, and Delaware Pinn has been raised to a good place as watchman. A. W. A. Smith, H. P. Slaughter and W. E. Cobb have been assigned to "cases." Mr. Slaughter hails from Kentucky, but was for some years foreman of the Star of Zion at Salisbury, N. C. Mr. Palmer has several more choice things in preparation for the race.

Col. Perry Carson is leading a righteous fight against street-sweeping machines, on the score that their adoption would throw hundreds out of employment. The question is being vigorously agitated, and Col. Carson and his followers have the best of it so far. The commissioners will probably cling to the hand system.

June 6, 1897. R. W. THOMPSON.

Headquarters for Unions

Houston, Tex., Special.

The Antioch Baptist Church is a popular headquarters for unions. Rev. L. B. Maxwell and Rev. S. Floyd of Georgia, while in this city organized an Inter-denominational S. S. association at Antioch, with Dr. D. J. Hull, A. M., D. D., as president and Miss P. R. Gray, secretary. Dr. Hull is of the A. M. E. church, and Miss Gray is of the Baptist church. The Women Temperance Union and the Minister's Denominational Union both have headquarters at Antioch. The commencement of the Houston Baptist Academy was excellent. The sermon by Dr. A. R. Griggs, D. D., was inspiring also the address by Prof. Rev. A. Barbee, of Galveston. The letter to the Post against mobs by Ex-Gov. J. S. Hogg has caused great comment. Prof. W. H. Wilson's speech upon mob violence was well rendered. The Afro-American is an able journal published here in interest of the Fair and Inter-State Exposition with Prof. F. I. Richardson as editor and manager. Emancipation Day, the 18th and 19th of June, will be celebrated here by the colored population. If the agent fail to find all the readers of The Freeman, call on or address E. C. Branch, 919 San Felipe street.

Hamilton Happenings.

Hamilton, O., Special.

The Children's Day program was very interesting. The sermon preached by Rev. Coleman Sunday morning was very much appreciated. Rev Coleman, Miss R. Craig, Miss M. Sampson, Miss N. Terry and Mrs. N. Baker attended the commencement at Wilberforce. T. Smith spent Tuesday at Cincinnati on Odd Fellow business. Ed. Churchman and J. Piot of Oxford spent Tuesday here. G. Norman has returned home from Ft. Collins, Col., where he has completed an extensive course under Dr. Alston Ellis. Mrs. M. Pippens and son John spent Sunday here visiting Mrs. S. Johnson.

"AN INVENTORY OF THE RACE"

An Editorial in a Recent Issue Commented on by Judge Woolen, a Staunch Friend the Negro.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

In the last issue of your well edited paper, I read, with more than a passing interest your editorial under the above caption. Every line of it is golden. I take no stock in the claptrap tirades against the Negro nor the white man's talk about his obligations for his freedom. The fact is, that the civil war was not undertaken for that purpose. It was only when it was found that the North could not succeed without that as an issue, that it was espoused as a motive for the war. Paul Dunbar, that peerless Negro poet, puts it right when he says:

"In the early days you scorned us,
And with many a flip and flout,
Said 'these battles are the white man's
And the whites will fight them out.'
Up the hills you fought and faltered,
In the vales you strove and bled,
While your ears still heard the thunder
Of the foes increasing tread.

Then distress fell on the nation,
And the flag was drooping low;
Should the dust pollute your banner?
No! the nation shouted, No!
So when war in savage triumph,
Spread abroad his funeral pall—
Then you called the colored soldiers,
And they answered your call.

They were comrades then and brother,
Are they more or less to-day?
They were good to stop a bullet
And to front the fearful fray.
They were citizens and soldiers,
When rebellion raised its head,
And the traits that made them worthy—
Ah! these virtues are not dead."

In that greatest of all books of fiction, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," Mrs. Stowe makes "Topsy" say, 'I know's I'se bad." And this is what the white man says of the Negro. For argument sake, grant it. The inquiry follows: Who made him bad? Did not the white man enslave him—rob him of his liberty and labor? Did not the white man ravish his wife and daughter and then sell his own progeny into bondage to conceal his crime? Do you wonder that the Negro is not bad? Yet, it is not true. It is only the exceptional Negro that goes astray. The masses of them are in line with the onward march of civilization. The progress that they have mode in thirty years, is without a parallel in the history of the world; no tramps among them. Into the battle of life they are throwing themselves with an earnestness that makes them deserve the plaudits of all people, and as you say: "The impeding world may as well move on. "The great juggernaut of their prosperity will crush the life out of all opposition." The time will come when the Negro will be more than a boot-black and a spittoon cleaner. The time approaches when he will be recognized in all the honorable avocations of life; when he will hold offices of trust and profit; when he will sit upon juries and preside in the courts; when his voice will be heard in the South, and when in the fullest sense of citizenship he will be recognized as a man and as a brother. God has foreordained that right shall prevail, and what God has foreordained will come to pass, and woe is the man that gets in the way. You have prophesied; I have prophesied. Mark our prophesies! Then be not di-couraged, but dare to wield your pen vigorously in the cause of the Negro. When God is for us, who can be against us? WILLIAM WATSON WOOLEN, Indianapolis, Ind.

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DEATH OF A GOOD WOMAN.

News Notes—Personal Mention—Wedding Bells—Knights and Ladies of Honor Entertain.

Meridian, Miss., Special.

Prof. C. J. Gavins, a graduate of the Tuscaloosa school, and Miss Irene Campbell were married in Meridian on Sunday June 6th. They left on the 7th for their home at Hattiesburg, Miss. Mr. John Ward and Miss Lela Snowton two popular young people of Meridian were married here Wednesday evening June 9th. Rev. J. C. Hibbler, pastor of St. Paul M. E. church officiated. We extend congratulations. The sad news has reached here that Everett Johnson, a former resident of Meridian, died in Little Rock, Ark., May 27th. Rev. L. W. Watson preached at Union Baptist church Sunday evening to a large congregation. Rev. W. H. Jernagin preached at New Hope Baptist church. B. D. Murrah has been to Vossburg last week on a business trip. T. O. Mitchell's little son has been quite sick. He is slowly improving. Children's day was duly observed at the A. M. E. church Sunday the 13. Mr. Ben Johnson of Memphis, Tenn., has been visiting our city the past week. The musical enterprising social club gave their first Basket picnic at Mayhoff Springs. Thursday June 10.

The Amanda Smith Lodge No. 10, Knight and Ladies of Honor gave a grand entertainment at the academy Wednesday night the 9. Quite a good sum was realized. Rev. W. H. Coleman was general manager Queen Easter Chapter gave a grand entertainment Thursday night June 17th, for the benefit of Queen Ester Chapter No. 2. Mesdame M. Turner and L. A. Finley general managers. W. M. Newton, editor of the Greenwood Star has been visiting relatives here. W. M. Bivens is improving. Mrs. A. Foster has been quite sick. Mayor E. H. Dial is suffering with rheumatism. Rev. D. G. Griffin, pastor of Pilgrims Progress Baptist church, closed his revival, Sunday evening June 13. Quite a large crowd assembled to witness the baptizing of about twenty-five persons. Rev. L. W. Watson returned to Vicksburg on the 14th, where he was carrying on a revival. Mrs. Jane Peterson who has been quite sick for several months died at her home on Saturday morning. Her funeral was largely attended at New Hope Baptist church Sunday the 13th. Rev. L. W. Watson was telegraph for to come and attend the funeral Rev. Watson paid a beautiful tribute to the deceased. She was a true christian and a true member of Queen Easter Chapter No. 2, which turned out and also Chapter No. 15. She was a a church worker and a kind wife. The church was crowded. Prof. J. L. Wilson and his coteachers viz., Mrs. M. E. Wilson, Prof. J. H. Brooks and Mrs. Anna Brooks have labored faithful. The following is a complete list of the graduates: Misses S. Lessie Thompson, Rosella Wilson, J. I. Adams, M. E. Hill, C. E. Miller, Juda Ivy, Rev. S. H. Cannon, Messrs. A. C. Brown, G. M. Chisholm, normal course, Misses T. D. Pinkston, M. C. Anderson, M. A. Sanders and Hattie A. Richard. Rev. C. C. Simmons of West Point, Miss., has been visiting in our city the past ten days. J. R. Fincher who has been away from Meridian for several years has returned.

Items of Interest.

Henderson, Ky., Special.

The Household of Ruth gave their annual supper on Whitsuntide at Odd Fellows Hall. The crowd was not large, but select. The evening was spent very pleasantly. Miss Fanna Watson has closed her spring school at Niagara. The children of the school were given a picnic Saturday June 5. Several persons from Henderson attended. Misses Fannie Snow and Sarah Watson of Evansville, attended the picnic given by Miss Fannie Watson for her pupils at Niagara. Mrs. Genie Brown and Miss Cornelia Mason are visiting in Uniontown. Phillip H. Watson of Evansville was in the city Sunday. The concert given for the benefit of Norris' Chapel was quite a success. The Sunday school children of the First Baptist church had their annual picnic at Atkinson park June 12. They report a good time. Mrs. Jessie Clark has gone to Clarksville, Tenn., to visit her mother. Miss Mollie Brooks spent Sunday in Corydon. The children of the Eighth street public school were given a picnic by the teacher's on the 5. The day was pleasantly spent. After a long and protracted illness Mrs. Dallas Lewis died June 5. Queen Esther Temple of which she was a member, turned out in a body. Dr. H. W. Armistead is attending the Tennessee Centennial. Mrs. Rosa Alves and daughters, Misses Lucy and Virgie spent Sunday in Evansville. Mrs. Mary Tandy has returned to Chicago. Miss Ella Powell of Corydon, is stopping with Mrs. Helen Powell. Miss Alice Boyd of Greenridge is visiting in the city. Mrs. Mary Singleton and son Briggs have returned from an extended visit to Bowling Green. Miss Fannie Watson has returned to Evansville. Miss Flora Powell of Uniontown, spent Sunday in the city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Powell.

The Phillis Wheatly Literary.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

The Phillis Wheatly Literary Society was re-organized on Tuesday evening June 1, 1897, with the following officers elect: R. Moore, president; Elder Hart, vice president; Miss M. Shields, secretary; Miss Walton, treasurer; Hon. Harry E. Williams, budget editor. This society meets every Tuesday evening at the northwest corner of Seventh and Plum streets. Miss Nannie Nixson of 1051 Wesley avenue is on the sick list. Misses Ida and Gertrude West, of 610 Hopkins street gave a reception on last Friday evening June 4th in honor of Mrs. James Burbridge of Georgetown Ky. Any one wishing The Freeman will call on or address H. B. Brooks, 929 Mound street. The Sunday school mass meeting of precinct A., convened at the First Baptist church, Cummingsville Sunday June 13th. The St. Paul Baptist church Sunday school held children's day exercise Sunday June 13th.—[See continuation page 4.

Mistle-toe Club News.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

The Mistletoe Club debated upon an interesting subject at their literary meeting Wednesday 16th. The question was "Which receives the highest respect from the white people the Negroes or the Indians." They had some of Chicago's professionals to judge the contest. Miss Sarah Hamilton and her son have returned from a visit to their home in Louisville, Ky. Mrs. Flora Batson, one of the great singers was at Bethesda church June 16th. Miss Leader Hick and Miss Zada Winchester expect to visit their home in Indianapolis this summer. Rev. Ransom made a visit to Louisville, Ky., last week. The Mistletoe Social Club gave their literary entertainment Wednesday evening at the club's parlors. They had a very nice time. The program for the evening read as follows: Piano selection, Miss Josephine Morris; recitation, Miss Mary L. Reeves; solo, Mrs. Leoda Hagens; recitation, Thomas Oglesby; address to the club, Miss Mattie Blair from Peora, Ill.; recitation, Miss Nellie Oatts; recitation, Miss Grace Taylor; Remarks by the President, Mr. Dudly Oglesby. Miss Mattie Blair of Peoria, Ill., is visiting in the city. Quinn Chapel A. M. E. church will give their grand rally next month.

Decatur Gleanings.

Decatur, Mich., Special.

Jack Hubbard rides a new Chester. Mr. Arthur Woods of Battle Creek, Mich., was the guest of Miss Lulu Winburn June 5th. Mrs. Eva Hamilton has returned from Niles where she has been spending a few days with her sister. Messrs. Winburn, Hamilton and Winburn spent Sunday with friends and relatives in Lawrence. Levi Mahony has returned from Stanton where he has been looking up the estate of Mrs. E. Young. Messrs. John Bradley and Harry Winburn, who attended the State Sunday school Convention at Calvin, have returned. Fred Hart is in town. Mr. P. A. Stafford of Battle Creek, and Miss Lulu M. Winburn were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Budd Evans at Pawpaw last Saturday. Fred Bradley was in town recently. A. V. Hamilton returned from Benton Harbor last week. Mr. William W. Bradley of Decatur High School was graduated June 1, age 17 years being the youngest of a class of sixteen. Class motto "Toil, trust, triumph." He proved himself an orator of ability. His oration was "The Possibilities of a Great Nation." It was received with loud applause. His words were well chosen. Bert E. Winburn and Walter Roberts of Lawrence were in town recently. Miss Eva B. Bradley is on the sick list.

Muncie Items.

Muncie, Ind., Special.

Club No 1 of the A. M. E. church will give a lawn fete June 21 at Mrs. Strowther's residence on East Jefferson street. Rev. Jason Bundy of Milwaukee visited relatives in the city Sunday. Joe Morin of Lima, O., is in the city the guest of his cousin, John Morin. L. Fletcher has moved into his new residence on East Second street. Rev. White's little son and daughter are recovering from the measles. Mrs. Gilmore of South Hockley street entertained the Church Aid Society Wednesday. Wm. Nidy of Mt. Vernon is the guest of his son Robert Nidy. Solomon Woods and son Jerome, and Charles Smothers of Modoc, were guests of friends in the city Tuesday of last week. Children's Day was appropriately observed at the A. M. E. church which was beautifully decorated with flowers.

EX-SLAVE'S PENSIONS.

HON. W. R. VAUGHAN ADVOCATES HIS BILL FOR THAT PURPOSE

Author and Promoter Addresses a Big Crowd at St. John's Church—How the Battle Will be Fought—Will Figure in Politics.

The colored citizens of Nashville and, in fact, of the whole South are becoming aroused over a national question embodied in the Vaughan ex-slave pension bill now pending before Congress.

The question is assuming large proportions, and it is claimed by its friends that it will prove an important factor in the next presidential campaign and not improbably in local politics. Hon. W. R. Vaughan, author of the bill and the original promoter of the movement, arrived in Nashville recently and addressed a very large audience of Negro and white citizens at the St. John African Methodist church. Mr. Vaughan's address was in explanation of the provisions of the bill by showing its origin, progress and purposes. The object of the bill, as stated by Mr. Vaughan, is to pension former slaves from a sense of duty which the government owes to men who have been the unwilling subject of lawful authority adversely to the natural rights of personal liberty. Mr. Vaughan claims that the movement, besides providing for a recompense to the ex-slaves, means prosperity and wealth to the tax-payer in the South. By placing the slaves on a pension the burden of their support is taken from the Southern taxpayer and placed on the shoulders of the Government. Again, he argues, that this money paid out in pensions will all be brought into the South, enabling the ex slaves to purchase from whites homes, cattle, etc.

COL. W. R. VAUGHAN,
Author of the Ex-Slave Pension bill.

Mr. Vaughan believes that but little of the money to be paid in pensions will come from the pockets of the whites. His plan is to pay the pensions to the ex-slaves by the issue of fifty year 2½ per cent. United State bonds. In forty years he believes there will be 4,000,000 colored tax-payers to assist in the payment of these pensions. There are now estimated to be 3,000,000 ex-slaves in the United States, and to pension them there will be expended $5,000,000 per annum. This sum of money brought annually into the South will undoubtedly, so Mr. Vaughan argues, be conducive to better times. The speaker was positive in his belief that the pension of ex-slaves was but justice to them. He cited the Indian question and others to show that except with the Negro the United States Government had always been prompt to recognize where justice was due and to measure it out to those entitled to it. Mr. Vaughan stated that he came to Nashville to arouse the Negroes to the importance of the movement, and to instruct them to work for it and against those opposed to it. Already secret societies have been organized, known as Vaughan Ex-Slave Pension Clubs.

Forty of these in Middle Tennessee, with a membership of 1,000, were turned over to Mr. Vaughan June the 6th. This work of organization, it is claimed, will continue until the 2,000,000 colored voters in the United States become members. Then the policy of Mr. Vaughan is to dictate terms. He stated recently that the Republican party would be given these votes if they pledged themselves to support the bill. If they should not agree, the votes would be given to the Democratic party on the same terms, and if they, too, should refuse, the Vaughan party would run an independent candidate.

This fight extend into local politics, and the Negro vote will be controlled by the party pledging its support to the Vaughn ex-slave pension bill. Mr. Vaughan returned to Louisville, where he is making his headquarters. He stated that Nashville and Louisville would be the battle ground on which this slave question would be fought and won.—Nashville American.

"Land and a Living."

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IN MEMORY OF BISHOP PAYNE

ADDRESS DELIVERED ON THE OCCASION OF PAYNE MEMORIAL FEBRUARY 24, 1897

At Wilberforce, O.—Review of the Latter Days of a Worthy Man—A Woman's Friend—A Liberal Christian Character Lamented.

On Feb. 24, 1891, in the city of Jacksonville, Fla., conspicuous among those gathered to honor the Senior Bishop of the world, were women. It was my pleasure to say a word for the women who were his friends, who had nursed his childhood and smoothed his pathway through the tedious journey to noble manhood. To-day, this Feb. 24, 1897, not in Florida, but at our own beloved Wilberforce—Wilberforce, the pride of his heart, the darling of his bosom—here, where he labored, enjoyed many blessings, suffered many persecutions and having done all, died at peace with God and man—here we come to speak of him as woman's friend, to twine around his precious memory sweet flowers of love. To cull from out our bower the choicest rose buds, the rarest carnations, the sweetest for-get-me-nots, the modest violets and purest lilies to scatter with willing fingers wherever his hallowed feet have trod. In this sacred altar, down the aisle, through the hall, across the campus, even to the very door-way where lies in ruins the once peaceful Ever-green cottage, the home of Bishop D. A. Payne. We say he was a friend to woman; is it true? What is it to be a woman's friend? And what is friendship? Friendship is an attachment proceeding from intimate acquaintance. A friend is one who respects another, and entertains for him sentiments of esteem and affection. One who is interested in the well doing of another and does all he can to promote his educational, physical, moral or religious welfare.

As an educator, Bishop Payne was very liberal He believed that woman has a peculiar intellect, and can equal or rival man in whatever chosen profession. He has proven this beyond truthful contradiction. We have only to mention the name of Fannie Jackson Coppin, of Philadelphia, as a sample of the many women he revered, honored and praised for superior intellect. Yes, he was liberal. He believed in a woman having an educated head, that she be qualified to fill any important position, such as teacher, preacher, doctor or lawyer. He gave liberally of his means to help support many women while pursuing a course of study to fit them for such positions. He was in favor of public women, women who could fill with credit places among the foremost educators of the times. But he believed not only in an educated head, but in educated hands. He was a friend to the millions of toiling mothers and daughters at home. O, how often do this class of individuals become discouraged. The world seemingly takes little notice of them or the work they are doing. Did you ever follow a happy couple from the benediction at the sacred altar and see how different the paths in life they tread? At first, all is sunshine, he goes reluctantly to work and hastens home-ward at the close of day to chat friendly with his little shut-in who awaits him, while the perfume of the savory meal she has spread for him, sharpens his appetite As time glides by, and with the years come the weight of responsibilities, their paths, naturally, it seems, widen. He tarries on his way home to chat just a little with a friend, or is called on important business that detains him an hour or so. On reaching home he does not find the smiling face at the door to greet him. What a change! Time with its burdens, as well as responsibilities, has added to her household cares, material cares, graver than the others Who can picture the life of a mother, with her daily round of so many little essentials, so many little difficulties to settle, garments to mend, crumbs to sweep away and tresses to untangle? She sews on the last button or darns the last stocking just as the last school bell rings, and sends her loving brigade out with a quick shove, as she says, "Hurry, children, you'll all be late for school." Tired from the hurry which hurts more than the work, she must now proceed to the general duty of the day, set the house in order and get dinner ready by noon, and then make a new garment before supper time. After the toil of the day she needs an outing and desires to take it, but those poor, sensitive, tired nerves give way and she falls asleep.

Bishop Payne was among the few men who realized the monotony of the shut-in's life, and often, O so often he made sad hearts glad, and the worry of the day borne with a more christian spirit, as he uttered words of encouragement and cheer. He was a friend to this class of women 53 years ago, when he was yet a young man. I quote a few of his encouraging words uttered to a mother in Israel in a letter he wrote in the A. M. E. Church magazine, published by George Hogarth: "The way to heaven is the way of the cross, and they who expect to reach it on a pathway of flowers, will be as sorely disappointed as the faint-hearted children of Israel, who, by reason of their fretfulness at difficulties, were not permitted to enter the land of Canaan. Wherefore, amid all your afflictions, temptations and persecutions from false brethren, let the language of your soul be this:

> Courage, my soul! thy bitter cross
> In every trial here;
> Shall bear thee to thy heaven above,
> But shall not enter there."

He has said to the discontented mother, "Godliness with contentment is great gain. The hand that rocks the cradle rules the nation."

There is nothing grander on the face of the earth than a happy mother training her little ones for usefulness on earth and happiness in heaven. His language to all mothers was: "Toil on ye mothers of the earth, yours is a high calling, though the way seem dark, even dreary you shall reap a rich reward if faithful until death, when you shall hear the glad, "well done good and faithful servants enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." He was also a good physician and obeyed strictly the laws of nature. As woman's friend he was ever mindful that she needed rest at proper intervals and exercise daily in the open air to promote health and happiness. Many of you may not know that from 1863 to 1875 he was President of Wilberforce University. There are many in your midst who attended school during some part of that time. Bishop Lee and wife, President Mitchell and wife, Rev. J. A. Clarke and wife, Rev. Tolbert and wife, Profs Delany and E. A. Clarke, Charles Newman, Mrs. Lou Alexander, Mrs. Chas. Wright, Mrs A. H. Coleman, Mrs. J. Carr, Miss Vina Davis, Superintendent Shorter and wife and possibly others. Question these and they will tell you how very much he was interested in the health of the girl.

They were allowed to roam the hills in search of wild flowers, and walk to Xenia on a pleasure trip. Bishop was not in favor of girls being nursed as house plants, nor did he belive that they were to sit in the house in a dark corner while their brothers played ball, whistled, chased rabbits and went hunting eggs in the barn lot. He believed in a girl doing anything good or proper that a boy could do and he did not hesitate to ask her to do so. I remember one bright May morning while on my way to a music lesson, that the window of his recitation room was hoisted and his pleasant voice rang out on the air—"Miss Lankford come here." I hastily retraced my steps to do his bidding. The bell had wrang, as it does now. for change of classes, and boys as well as girls were hurrying to and fro. Rev. Clarke who was then secretary, was raking leaves near the spot and enjoyed a laugh at my expense, as Bishop said with a smile, "come here Missie, do you not see those pigs in the campus, go run them out"—and I did so. We girls had great respect for his wishes and he appreciated it. He visited our rooms to see if kept in order, saying "cleanliness is next to godliness." On one occasion he found several of us on bended knees scrubbing the hall, a custom once a week with all the girls of that day, which aided in the good appearance and health of the building.

He was so delighted that he spoke of it next school morning at prayer, asking the boys to emulate our example, and in justice to them we must say, they soon had as presentable halls as the girls. Bishop was truly a moral man. He deemed it proper at all times to respect a woman. We cannot speak too forcibly of this noble trait of his character. We believe that the woman never lived who could truthfully say D. A. Payne ever insulted her in look, word or deed. He valued her virtue more than the Mister does his gold—her price was far above rubies He was positive, often rigid, yet at all times respected a woman. Whatever he believe to be correct he would stick to it, no difference who opposed him, and this characteristic is a boon to woman as well as man. He was not a perfect man nor always correct in his ruling, but his law was the law of truth and woman knew that whatever step he took whether or not it met her approval, or caused her to tremble with fear—he meant only good results to follow. A woman could walk on a lonely highway, or sit in the shadow of some rocky chasm alone with Bishop Payne, and feel that he was the good angel sent to guard her from harm. He was proof against any temptation to rob her of a good name that is rather to be chosen than great riches. He was religious. Early in life he became a christian and it was the prayer of his life. A christian minister, Christ-like, to lead women and men in the straight and narrow way As we have said before, Wilberforce was dear to his heart, and every student during his administration new how often he called upon the girls to be noble, virtuous, christian young women—"not young ladies," he would say, but young women, gentlemen, christian women. He lived his religion daily before them, consequently when he admonished them for sins of omission or commission they could not say or even think he had better do right himself. His religion was christian. He aided women in the cause of missions here and elsewhere. The girls were inspired, filled with his missionary spirit, most of them belonged to the missionary societies, home and foreign and spent less in candy and chewing gum, to save a few pennies for the cause of missions. Many would go on errands of mercy, visiting the sick and needy throughout the neighborhood.

The older residents such as Father Griffin, Mother Phillips, Ma Delaney, Mother Mitchell, and Aunt Pratt, expected a visit from many of the girls every Monday and were seldom disappointed. They used the terms, mother, father, aunt, because of their great respect for the aged. Their missionary spirit extended beyond denominational prejudices, and often when the weather would permit, we would go over the hills and far away to little Zion to assist in the Sabbath school. Some of those Sabbath school boys and girls afterward attended Wilberforce, and have gone out from her walls to help lift fallen humanity.

Bishop was a liberal christian. He gave largely of his means to help spread the gospel even to benighted lands, and who can say but that God sent to us, from the golden shores of darkest Africa our dear girl, Charlotte Manye, in answer to a prayer breathed by Bishop Payne in the listening ear of God years ago? He prayed for the mothers, the women who sit in the darkness, that light might be sent to them. Do we not see the light coming? For she who represents the women of Africa is a christian, and the light of the gospel radiating from her pure life will help to dispel sin and superstition from those who sit in their shadows, There are other societies than missionary, strictly speaking, organized by Bishop Payne that aid women, one only of which we will notice—the Ladies College Aid of Wilberforce. While this society aids boys as well as girls, it was composed of women only as organized thirty years ago by Bishop Payne. They were few in number—Ma Payne, Ma Shorter, Aunt Mack, Miss Sarah Woodson, and Ma Delaney. The object of this society was first to aid indigent students; next to aid the university in any way the society should see fit. This little band of noble women met the first Monday afternoon at 4:30 of each month, paying 10c each as monthly dues. Soon their treasury was increased, for Bishop Payne gave them one hundred dollars, which enabled them to seek out needy students and relieve their wants. They bought shoes, clothes, books, or food as they had need. A student could borrow from $1 to $10, give his personal note for six months or a year as the case required. No respect to persons, only they wished to know a student was worthy and aid came cheerfully.

These women with their friend, their benefactor have gone to the christian's rest, yet God has from time to time raised up other women who have carried on the good work they began, and the College Aid yet lives to help struggling students and a struggling university. In late years many of the girls were members, and thus aided in the good work. Some of us have been members since we were school girls, and will be glad to tell any desirous one among you how to secure aid if you need it in the future. Bishop Payne was woman's friend, her counsellor, her christian helper, but he is no more. Others have told you of his beautiful life, his triumphant death. We loved him, but God and angels loved him more, so we kindly placed him 'neath the sod to rest or sleep 'till the great day, when woman's friend, when all friends shall meet and hold sweet communion in a realm where all is friendship, love and bliss.

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> dying in the west,
> He died in beauty, like a tender infant—dying
> on its mother's breast,
> He died in beauty, like a hero slain in war's
> alarm—
> He died in beauty, leaning on his Savior's arm.
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> Payne.

SUSIE I. SHORTER,

Wilberforce, O.

BRYAN'S PAPER.

The Editor Again Restored to Health

Mr George W. Hervey, editor of the Weekly Omaha World-Herald, is a perfect picture of health and looks more like the Hervey of other days. To see him now, one can hardly believe that he has been such a great sufferer. He writes of his failing health and recovery, in his characteristic way as follows:

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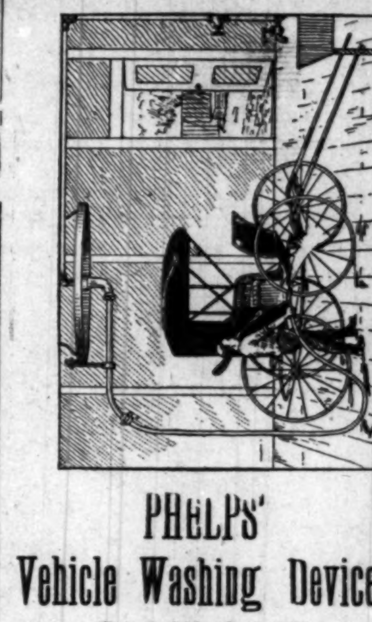

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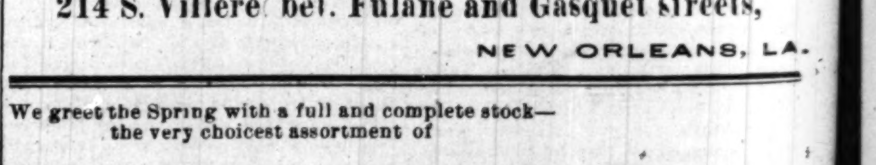

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CHAPTER III

It has taken me a long, long time, gentle reader, to "state my point" as they say, (or say they say) at the debating clubs, but remember that I am "only a woman"—and a stepmother at that—and therefore not expected to tell my tale of woe in a few words, pure and simple. To the main point (as I have been told they say in clubs when the speaker wanders from his subject) let me say that the next Sunday after my return to bridgeport, John Wilson called upon me, bringing his entire family of six "dear innocent motherless children." He introduced them one by one to me, saying before he started: "Children, this lady was a schoolmate and playmate of your father's years, years ago, long before papa ever met your mamma. Papa feels like a boy again to meet Miss Williams."

Agnes and Mae advanced, with a modest smile and greeted me with a loving kiss; the other girls followed suit, as we say when playing whist; the twelve year old boy, John Wilson, the third, was bashful and would not kiss me. After that Sunday John brought his entire family to Bridgeport every second Sunday for six months, and I must confess that I learned to love his children; they were so refined, the girls so lady-like (I saw little of the boy as he appeared to be bashful) and enjoyed their bi-monthly visits. One Sunday John Wilson told me that he had again started to keep house; that he had taken his things out of storage and rented a floor in an apartment house. His oldest daughter, Agnes, assisted by Mae, was his housekeeper. I felt just a little surprised that he did not ask my advice before taking the step, still I honestly told him, perhaps it's all for the best.

I was greatly surprised when John Wilson called on me the following Sunday, and alone. He saw my surprise and said that the rest of the family had gone out, and as he was left alone, he felt so lonesome, he knew not why, that he concluded to run up to Bridgeport. I did not believe his story, but looked as if I did, whereupon he commenced to talk of old times and recalled many events that I had forgotten. He pressed my hand unusually hard as he said, "good night, Emma," and rushed out to catch the 12:59 a. m. train for New York City. The following Sunday he again called, and alone. Now, gentle reader, permit me to say, between the lines, that I have as much come-in-out-of-the-rain-sense as the average daughter of Eve, I at once scented a mouse. I said nothing about the children, in fact acted and talked as if there were none, much to his seemingly relief. He twisted and turned and looked into space and at last said:

"Emma, I am sorry I started to keep house again."

"Why," I asked. I knew what was coming—if not that Sunday, some other one in the near future.

"Because it does not seem like home without a— without my poor dear wife."

"Why, John, your oldest daughter can cook, wash or iron I know as well as her mother could, or look after a hired girl if you are able to get one (or conclude to get one, I know that you are ble.) By the way, what has become of Willie Greenhowe? I have not heard from or about him since the week after we graduated; you know how we stood —I was first, you second, Willie third, and Mary Melvin fourth. I wonder if Willie is living?"

He told me all he knew about Greenhowe's doings for the past years, and left for New York at a respectable hour. The next Sunday (not to my surprise) he called again and alone, and commenced business at once. In short, he told me that he loved me as he did in days of yore; that his children needed the watchful eye of a careful woman; that he needed a wife who would be a companion. He explained to my entire satisfaction why I was not Mrs. John Wilson the first, and why I should be Mrs. John Wilson the second, ending by asking me to marry him, almost upon the spot. I told him that I would give him my answer the next time we met. We met the following Wednesday night, as he seemed anxious at once to know his fate. I thoughtfully asked him if he had told his oldest daughters of his prospective doings. His reply was:

"No, but I know that they would love you, besides I am their father and a man who will in the present and future do as he honestly thinks is best regardless of children or friends."

He had the old time fire in his eyes. If there is anything in this world of imperfections I admire it is a manly man, so I said "yes." We were quietly married the following Sunday noon in my little parlor at Bridgeport. I sold out my establishment that week and marched in a modest way into the Wilson house, much to the surprise of "all hands and the cook," as Mrs. Wilson, the mistress, and the children's new mother. I will never forget, even if I live to be one hundred and ten, the look of surprised disgust I received from the girls, from the oldest to the youngest, and her royal highness the cook, as these facts were announced by my husband. I at once saw that I was an unwelcome addition to the family. The cook made some unlady-like and uncook-like remarks about "the luck of some old maids," how they were lucky enough to step into a "ready-made house" and boss their "betters." That cook's remarks to her noble self sealed her doom. Three days latter we had a new cook. It was the afternoon after I had employed a new cook that I overheard the following conversation between Agnes and Mae:

"Well I think papa was crazy."

"I don't; she trapped him; she knew we were in the house long before she came to sew for that Mrs. Clarkson. It was all a plot to get poor, dear papa. Do you mean to say that Mrs. Clarkson could not get any one in New York City to mend her old rags without sending to Bridgeport for that old thing?"

"Well, all I've to say is she better not try to boss me; if she does I'll pull her old big eyes out, the old thing."

"If she says anything to me I don't like I'll spit in her face," said the heretofore modest, refined and lady-like Miss Mae Wilson.

I at once concluded that two of my step-children at least were a little blacker than they had been painted. The next night I overheard a conversation between Mabel, Marion and Baby Emma, four years old, as they were retiring for the night:

"Now, Baby Emma, remember that she is not your mamma; our mamma is dead, and if she don't let you do just as you like, you tell papa; he thinks more of us than he does her; I don't like her a bit."

"Don't she put on luggs?" asked Marion.

I could not recall the English or United States for "luggs," but was intelligent enough to conclude it meant "airs." The market value of the stock of my husband's girls, from top to bottom at once fell below par. A few weeks rolled on, during which time the larger girls did everything I asked them to do directly the other way in a plain, open manner so I could have no doubts about their disgust for me or their revolt against my wishes. The little ones were just as full of the "Old Boy." One afternoon I by chance looked into the mirror before me in the sitting room when to my surprise Mabel and Marion were sticking out their tongues at me and teaching Baby Emma, who seemed to be a bright pupil, to do likewise. I turned about quickly, before the tongues could be replaced and asked: "What do you mean by such actions girls?" Baby Emma ran out of the room; the other "sweet little dears" resolved to hold the fort. Marion with arms akimbo asked, "what actions."

"By sticking out your tongues at me, and teaching Baby Emma to do the same," I replied.

"I—did—not. We—did—not," replied Marion, adding in an undertone which I overheard, "'Cause you ain't our own mamma, and we don't like you."

"Gentle reader, can you honestly blame me for losing my temper?" "You little imp," I said, "come here to me." "I will not," was the reply, as out came the organ of speech once more to its full length. I reached out and grabbed my dear step-daughter by the arm. "Now Marion, don't you know that—" Before I could finish she yelled out the most terrible yell, concluding with sobs of the deepest kind. The yells and sobs would cause any one not a resident of an insane asylum to conclude that the child was being murdered by inches in the most up-to-date way.

"If you hit me again with that stick I'll tell my papa," she yelled out at the top of her voice.

"You little devil!" I exclaimed aloud in surprise as I pulled her towards me. She pulled back, and in so doing, broke my grasp and fell, striking her face against the corner of the table, cutting the skin and causing the blood to flow. She rushed out in the hall yelling "murder! murder!" The women in the flats above and below rushed out (or were out) and exclaimed: "It's a shame, yes, a-s-h-a-m-e! The dirty brute, heartless wretch, would-be-murder, the she devil! Some one should go for the police; the idea of beating that poor motherless child like that! It's a burning shame!"

During this time my innocent little step-daughter was yelling for her full value, "murder, and I'll tell my papa, you see if I don't." I must confess I got frightened; I saw the child's plot was to make the neighbors believe that I had been beating her. I at once saw that I must use all the art of a woman and all the diplomacy of a man, and get her in out of the hall at once before some of my good neighbors went for an officer of the "Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children," and I was dragged tdrough the streets to a would-be-murder's cell.

"Come in the house, my dear!" I whispered in a loud stage whisper at the same time holding out a dime. She stopped screaming at once, snatched the dime from my hand and quietly walked in the house, and commenced to play with the other children the same as usual. It was my intentions to tell the whole story from A to Z to her father upon his return from business, and my little Miss must have been a mind reader, for just before the time for his return she asked to go out to buy a slate pencil. I told her she could go. That "something" which so often prompts us to do things, told me to look out of the parlor window. I saw her meet her father a few feet from the doorway of our house. I saw her turn the scratched side of her face towards him and commenced to cry.

"What's the matter with you and what's the matter with your face?"

"It's cut—she did it," was the reply.

"Who did it?"

"She; she beat me," I overheard.

"Whose's she?"

"Why—boo, boo, boo!" was the answer.

Mr. John Wilson rushed up stairs with blood in his eyes and demanded:

"Emma, what's been the trouble between you and the girl?"

I told the true story, adding that she was the worse little story-teller I had ever saw, heard of, or read about.

"She says that you beat her."

"She tells an untruth, John, who do you believe, that girl or me?" I asked.

He looked puzzled for a few minutes, and then told her to go to bed, and told me that of course he believed me, and was sorry that she had given me so much trouble; that I must punish her and break her of the grave imperfection of falsehoods. I concluded that the matter was over, and was just getting ready to congratulate myself when my husband started to go out after supper. Two of my neighbors, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. J nes, were out in the hall above, talking to themselves:

"Yes," said Mrs. Jones, "it's a sin and a disgrace the way she beat that poor child to-day. Mr. Wilson should know it, and if I was acquainted with him I'd tell him."

My husband, like myself, overheard these remarks and returned.

"Emma!" he almost yelled out in a fit of rage, "I've just been told that you did beat that child."

"You have just been told nothing of the kind—don't lie; you have just overheard the conversation of Mrs. Jones and that Brown woman, which is false to the letter."

"It seems strange; I believe it. Now let me say, whereas I have no objection at all to you whipping my children, I will not allow you or any other woman on earth to beat them black and blue. Their mother is dead and I will not allow it."

Then came a stiff quarrel between my husband and I, the words of which I will not burden you with, gentle reader, after which we "did not speak as we passed by" for three weeks, after which we were again (upon the surface) "loving man and wife." One night Agnes and Mae dressed to go to a party without asking either their father or me if they could go. When I objected, stating as my reason that I did not think it was proper for girls of their ages to go to parties alone, they looked surprised at my ignorance, and Mae replied, "why we are not going alone; we are going with fellows; they are going to meet us on the corner below."

"Does your father know the young men?" I asked.

"Nit," was her reply.

"Nit?" I repeated.

"Yes nit—n-i-t," was the reply.

"What's nit?" I asked.

"Oh come off your perch; nit means 'no'."

"I am not posted on slang," I replied.

"May be you're not, but I doubt it" was the reply.

They went out and returned at a quarter to one. I told my husband the whole story the next night. The next morning he took them in the parlor, and in his anger and rage asked, or at least demanded an explanation. Mae closed the parlor door so I could not overhear. When they came out my husband said: "Emma, it's alright; boys will be boys, and girls will be girls. There was no harm in their going out; you forget that you were once a girl."

I made no reply. After that I let the girls, both big and little do just as they pleased for weeks and weeks. The boy, John, was a model child and devoted to me. I was not, however, permitted to enjoy this rose among five thorns. When I went out with John and he acted towards me as if I were his mother, I would overhear my female neighbors say: "Yes, he seems to love her; so would you if you were beaten half the day with a club, act as if you loved her. The boy is not like the girls. He is weak-minded and is afraid to show his dislike for her." If I got in a car with one of my neighbors who was with a friend, she would, after bowing to me with a smile, say to her friend: "Yes, that's the lady." The friend would eye me from head to foot and then say: "She looks like a brute." At last I got tired of such receptions and comments and told my husband that we must move to Brooklyn in a small house by ourselves. He hunted and I hunted until at last he found a suitable house, but the rent was just that of our present "flat" home plus the cook's monthly dues. If we took this home we could not keep a cook, my husband said. "Take it to-morrow," was my reply. He took it; I was glad to get away from Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Tom, Dick and Harry and be in a house by myself where I could correct or talk to my step-daughters without fear, but "The best laid schemes o' mice and men (and women if you please) gang aft a-gley," as Bobbie Burns says. When we got settled in our new Brooklyn home, my stepdaughters, from the oldest to the youngest tried themselves. The large ones stayed ont half of the night against my wishes, and the little ones were in open rebellion all the time. When I spoke to my husband he would either say: "Why don't you correct them, Emma?" or "Children are children; what do you want me to do? Take them out into the back yard and shoot them, or take them down to Coney Island and drown them? I can't stay home from business to make them mind, and you are old enough, by Joe, to make them mind you. Tell your troubles to a policeman, not to me."

I suppose it will go on and on until death or the marriage of my step-daughters (from A to Z) part us. Let me relate one more event before I close and place my case (and other step-mother's cases) in your hands, gentle reader. One night last week my two oldest step-daughters dressed themselves in their best and started out:

"Where are you going, girls?" I asked.

"Why to the ball—not some other evening, but this evening," was Mae's reply.

"I think it's a shame and a disgrace for girls of your ages to be going to balls and picnics alone," was my reply.

"Well, we don't want to be like a woman we know—have to wait until some man's wife dies before we marry. Come on, Mae, don't listen to that old thing. It was out of pity papa married her, and she's older than him anyway. Come on, come, don't mind her."

Gentle reader, I married for better or worse, and up to date it has all been for the worse. Reflect, Miss Blank, before you marry your old lover who is now a widower with three children. Reflect young Miss, before you become an old (or beg his pardon) a middle (?) aged widower's darling. Reflect, you matrons, wives, sisters and daughters before you heap coals of fire upon the head of the "female brute" who is a step-mother. Read this story, all you widowers with one, two, three, four, five and six "dear motherless babes" before you dare to ask any woman (old flame or new flame) to be your second wife.

My story is ended. Comment or moral? Oh yes! The moral is—well—you are at liberty to make the comment. The moral is: Girls, both old and young, don't on your life, marry a widower with children! A word to the wise is sufficient.

[THE END]

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CONSERVATISM.

The Americans, and those especially of the United States, have been noted for their conservatism in regards to the enlargement of their territories. Annexation has been a lost art to all the Americas. They have been practically content with the territory that fell to them at the inception or what they wrested at once from the original owners. In fact, Mexico has lost teritory since the Cortezian Spaniards reared a structure on the old empire of the Aztecs. Texas, the largest state of the union, was won by actual contest with Mexico. The Gadsen purchase will be remembered as another incident which relieved Mexico of more of her superfluous territory. It is fairly conceded that the United States is going to lay aside the accustomed policy of political isolation and look to the broadening of her possessions. England has shown herself farther sighted in this matter. Her colonies were secured with express designs in view or if not so, the ordering of events in the acquisition of her new territory has been most happily consummated. The English officers and sons of distinguished fathers and brilliant politicians, would be dependent on the offices of England only, were it not for foreign lands that support the British gentry by the thousands. Gibralter, Calcutta, Jamaica, Cairo, Sonth Africa, Australia, or wherever the sun shines the English officer and the "mi lord" is there. The world is honey combed with this breed of Englishmen. If England had no method in securing these outlets for her distinguished sons, then she builded better than she knew. Grant lived twenty-five years ahead of his time. Had he had his way the Cuban Revolutionary war would not be the object of interest that it now is. It is true, Grant lived in the mellow age of satisfaction. The country felt amply paid for its contest with Mexico, which came within the last glow of good feeling from the war of 1812, which followed so rapidly in the wake of the Revolution. Thus concatenasiously the spirit of satisfaction has spread like the ever-widening waves down to the present time. But at last the interminable chain seems to be broken, Hawaii is a candidate for sisterhood, and to all appearances she will be read into the family. However, this little republic is able to care for herself. There will be no squatter sovereignty in this case. Her population is made up of many nationalities, quite a number being Englishmen and Americans. These are educated and will not need imported rulers to govern them. The natives themselves have attained a very high degree of civilization. They are proficent in mathematics and music, two very widely separated branches o knowledge. They could and did govern very well, until the all ambitious Englishman attempted to euchre them out of their birthright, which they would have done only for Yankee ingenuity. The feeling in this country is now decidedly for annexation. Conservatism was for a conservative age.

INCREASE OF CALLOUSNESS.

The above caption is the subject of an article which recently appeared in the London Spectator. It had in mind the alarming increase of indifference shown by the English people at the historical horrors of the last few years. To be exact we cite the following quotation:

Our people are no longer so shocked as they were by horrors occurring outside their immediate ken. History has been full of horrors for the past two years, any one of which would, thirty years ago, have driven our countrymen wild with wrath and pity, but which now excites only a kind of compassionate interest such as we bestow on the sufferings in an accident ward. There has never been such a story told as that of the atrocities in Armenia, unless it were the story of the similar scenes in Bulgaria in 1876; but our countrymen, though moved and pitiful, were not stirred to any strenuous exertion, while on the continent the populations, even when aware of the facts, absolutely did not care.

We appropriate the subject rather than the contents as a very fitting and suggestive subject for a similar state of affairs in our own country. The extra judicial spirit now so rife, and which is not confined to any limited scope of territory, we have in mind the mob spirit, is indicative of increasing callousness towards shedding of blood and the utter disrespect for the laws. Two decades ago, this country was horrified at the taking off of an individual by other means than by the law's prescribed methods, no matter what the race or nationality. The London Spectator in sizing up the English situation has the following:

"The change is due to the decline of faith," says a clergyman; but the skeptics are, upon many points, as humane as the religious; and are even less inclined to believe that monstrous and patent evils ought to remain, or indeed can remain, without a remedy. Others declare, one of them a statesman of distinction, that the rush for wealth which has marked the last ten years has indurated all men's hearts; but we do not see that the classes which used to be ardently compassionate are rushing for wealth, while, as we have said, certain kinds of pity have become far more widely diffused and more effective.

It may be that the erstwhile phlegmatic Englishman may now be in the general hurly-burly incident to money getting, that renders him oblivious to his neighbor's woes. But what solution has America, the United States of America for her increased callousness in regard to the American Negro? It is admitted that wealth, the increment of thrift, and civilization the result of education, is playing a leading part in the Negro's history. To a casual observer it is the inference that as time advances the occasion for such outbreaks as has been witnessed in the very recent past would decrease in the same ratio as race improvement. Such, however, is not the case. The most optimistically inclined will see in the last attempts to outrage justice a systematic attempt at something. What that something is, is limited to a very few things. It would not require a learned thesis on the question to determine fairly what lesson is being taught. It would be cruel to incite further demonstrations of feeling by and injudicious use of the scalpel. It is fair to assume that the crisis, or in stage parlance, the denouement is what we have been having, and that the stream will speedily clarify. The cry of reform has started in the South, the great source, so to speak. The fact carries great weight and positively points the way for a new adjustment of matters which must redound to the good of the whole country, but more largely to the good of the Negro.

A CORRECTION.

ATLANTA, GA., June 11, '97.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

In your issue of the 12th inst., I notice an editorial in which you represent Hon. C. H. J. Taylor as having been elected Dean of Morris Brown College instead of the department of law. The college, as such, has no dean, it has a president, in the person of the learned Rev. James M. Henderson, A. M. But the departments of law and theology, respectively, have deans, and Mr. Taylor is the dean-elect of the law department.

H. M. TURNER.

THE President has chosen W. F. Powell, of New Jersey, as Minister to Hayti. From all indications the appointment is a popular one. Mr. Powell has the reputation of being an able man. He is an educator, actively engaged in teaching.

A DEMAND FOR BRUCE.

Our Washington correspondent and numerous exchanges point out a condition of things at the nation's capital that bodes no good to the Negro's chances for official recognition. The delay in assigning certain first-class places, tacitly conceded to our race, is causing a little uneasiness, and a remedy is being sought to bring about speedy results. It is broadly hinted that the colored man's lack of harmony is the root of the trouble, and that Mr. McKinley is embarassed by the strong factional disputes in various quarters. The Freeman has heretofore refrained from expressing individual preferences, feeling satisfied that from the field of candidates the honors would fall upon the worthiest shoulders. But time is slipping by; offices are being rapidly filled—by white men. We have nothing on the credit side of our ledger. The Recordership of Deeds, and the Ministership to Hayti stands fairly for all the patronage issued in the Negro's favor up to date. This, as can be seen, is a net gain of one general position over that given by an administration that felt itself under no obligation to the Negro. We have reached an acute stage. The call for harmonious, concentrated and positive action should be promptly heeded. The time for shuffling or equivocation has passed. The situation should be simplified. An opportunity has been given for the country to take an inventory of the candidates seeking preferment. Their respective claims have been carefully canvassed. Sentiment is naturally crystalizing about a few of the race's strongest men. Experience in public affairs, ability to represent large interests with dignity and competency, and conspicuous fitness for leadership are deemed prime requisites in the individual selected for high office. This is especially applicable to the contest now uppermost in the popular eye—the struggle for Register of the Treasury. The spirit of subordinating private interests to the general good should be encouraged. To the end that harmony may be secured and consequent race success, the withdrawal of the minor candidates for Register would be a wise step. We believe, without reservation, that Ex-Senator B. K. Bruce is the Negro's strongest, most popular and most available candidate for that exalted position. President McKinley could not do better than appoint him immediately. He stands for all that is commendable in the race. He is free from entanglements. He has been weighed in the balance and has never been found wanting. The Freeman joins heartily in the demand for Bruce.

SOMEWHAT OF A CONUNDRUM.

The editor of the Negro department of the Pittsburg Press has the following to say of us anent the Tennessee Centennial Exposition:

The elastic Indianapolis Freeman has evidenced considerable bouncing powers of late. All along until last week it has been quite fiery in its protests against the treatment accorded the colored visitor at the Tennessee Centennial, and at the same time put up a vigorous protest against railroad discrimination and "jim crow" carism in the South. But last week there was a great change of front, and instead of denouncing the Exposition officials' treatment to the colored man, it comes out with a special "Exposition number" and a multitude of half-tone cuts of colored officials of the Exposition. Just why Bro. Knox should have so suddenly ceased contention for that which we are justly entitled to, and in a metaphorical sense, "lick the hand that smites us," is somewhat of a conundrum.

The above talks for itself. If the editor of the Negro department of this Northern "white" journal would read more, his fund of information would increase in proportion to the matter set forth. The Freeman has taken but one stand. It has been for the Exposition simply because it was the best thing, to make the best out of existing conditions. No conundrum about it. The gentleman who edits the distinct and separate department desires to impugn our motive for a supposed change of views. He stands in a very poor attitude to fight on this point. He should cast line and take his bearings.

B. T. WASHINGTON'S SCHOOL.

Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute closed its sixteenth anniversary exercises May 26th. It is said that from four to five thousand people, coming from all directions within thirty to forty miles were present. The many departments of the institutions were fruitful subjects for the many eyes. There were representatives from foreign lands, investigating the methods of the institution. Graduates in all lines of industry, forty-eight in all, were sent out to make way in the actual world. The review of the annual report of Mr. J. H. Washington, superintendent, is of interest in showing the magnitude of the school:

The canning department put up 12,644 quarts of fruit and two barrels of pickles; the brick yard made about one million brick; thirty-seven students have received training during the year in making and laying brick; much attention has been given to agriculture. Ninety-five acres have been cultivated on the school grounds. This is divided into twenty-four plots. On one-half of this ground three crops were produced, one the other half two crops. One hundred and seventy tons of forage have been raised, 2,875 bushels of vegetables, 10,000 pounds of cabbages, and 50,000 pounds of greens; 80,257 pounds of pork and beef have been furnished the school, about 1,200 fruit trees of various kinds, 6,500 strawberry plants and 200 grape vines have been set out; about 500 acres more have been cultivated on the Marshall farm; the foundry has cast the parts for thirty-one stoves, cast the iron parts for ten wagons, 460 pounds of grate bars for furnaces, castings for two small engines, 1,688 window weights and thirty-one pairs of irons for the fire-place; the machine shop has done 242 jobs of work worth $774. Seven steam engines have been repaired, one has been built and another nearly finished; the printing office has printed 109,000 copies of newspapers; letter heads, 39,625; envelops, 23,000; circulars and pamphlets, 30,000; check and receipt books, 183; in the sewing department the girls have made over 2,000 articles of various kinds; the laundry has turned out about 25,000 pieces per month.

A DANGEROUS LAW REVIVED.

Last Thursday, says a St. Louis dispatch, referring to the 10th inst.:

At the east front door of the city courthouse, Herbert Kauling, until recently a resident of 5316 Pattison avenue, was sold to the highest bidder for a term of six months. A man thus sold under the law will be compelled to serve his master as faithfully and conscientiously as he would an employer. This penalty for vagrancy and wife desertion is provided for by an old and almost forgotten law. The wife of the prisoner brought suit under its authority against her husband for desertion and non-support. Out of the proceeds of the sale the cost of the suit will be paid and the remainder, if any, turned over to the wife.

A law of this kind may be an instrument for good, but its clothing does not smell well. Mr. Kauling is a white man, so far as it is known. The colored people do not care to take stock in such laws. Its resurrection may mean the wholesale enslavement of Negroes by an by. It will pay to watch the trend of this law and its operations.

THE FREEMAN is under obligations to Hon. Stephen B. Elkins for documents containing his speech bearing on American Merchant Marine Discriminating Duties.

WE have it through Bishop Turner that The Freeman is misinformed as to the position to which C. H. J. Taylor has been elected in the Morris Brown College. Mr. Taylor is the Dean elect of the Law department.

C. H. J. TAYLOR, late Recorder of Deeds, at Washington, D C., is located in Baltimore as an attorney-at-law. Mr. Taylor keeps within fair limits of the capitol. He will be among the early risers if his party resurrects.

THE Woman's messenger, of Memphis, Tenn, speaks in the most glowing terms of the Negro Day at the Tennessee Centennial Exposition It is very much like Dame Barbara Fritche who shook the flag with a right good will to show that one heart was loyal yet.

Among the Delegates.

Columbus, O., Special.

The Mound street A. M. E. church gave a lawn fete which was largely attended. Prof. William Johnson of Lockland stopped in the city on his way to Gallipolis where the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias convened. J. L Cash a delegate to the G. L. K. of P. was in the city. William White of the Chitenden has gone to Chillacothe. Geo. Gross and Elder White of Piqua, was in the city. A. Humphery of Fourth street is on the sick list. Among the many delegates to the G. L. K. of P., from here Property Lodge sent Messrs. J. Jefferson, A. J. Bowler, W. E. Moore, Pride of the West Lodge, Messrs J. Rudgeway, John Male, W. Duster and D. Brooks. The uniform rank and band left Wednesday and is composed of twenty pieces. The Grand Court of Calantha Order convened Monday. Queen Etta Court was represented by Mrs. L. Ballard and Mr. E. Jackson, Queen of Sheba Court by Miss Sadie Fields and Rev. O. O. Jones. Mr. J. Hunter our artist, has painted a life size portrait of Robert Stevens.

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Via C. H. & D. Ry., Sunday June 20. Special train from Union Station 7:15 a. m., leaving Cincinnati returning 7:15 p. m. The famous resorts are all open. Plenty of coaches. Fast time. No stops at way stations. Tickets and information at 2 W. Washington street, cor. Meridian and Union Station. Geo. W. Hayler, D. P. A.

Cullings From the Queen City.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

Miss Mollie Parks of No. 1, Crescent Place, Walnut Hills, gave a grand card party June 11th. The contestants were Miss L. Crittenden, Mr. C. H. Hudson, Mrs. Geo. Bullett and Mr. G. W. Houston, Mr. Houston and Mrs. Bullett being champions. Rev. C. H. Mosello preached at Zion Baptist church last Sunday evening, taking for his theme "The new birth" which was very instructive. Rev. H. H. Harris and Mrs. Mahala Daniels of 814 W. Fifth street were guests of Mrs. West last Sunday evening. St. Paul Christian church or revival of Harrison street Christian church congregation are now permanently located and are holding meetings in Plum street Hall, north of Seventh street. All persons of the Christian faith coming to the city are invited to attend. J. S. Fielding and brother W. H. Fielding took a flying trip to Lancester, O., on last Sunday the guest of their mother. Miss Gertrude Hart of 505 W. Court street who has been ill is convalescent. Zion Baptist church will hold its grand rally Sunday at which Rev. Blackshear of the Corinthian Baptist church, Indianapolis, will preach at 11 a. m. and Dr. Perryman of the First Baptist church, this city, will preach at 3 p. m., and Rev Harris, the pastor, at night the object of the rally is to pay the interest Rev. Dr. R E. Wilson will leave for conference next week. Dr. Proud of the Union Baptist church and people are still progressing.

All those having news for The Freeman must send it by 4 o'clock Monday evening to H. B. Brooks, 929 Mound street. The entertainments held at the Episcopal Mission and the Ninth street M. E. church met with much success. The grand stawberry festival given by the S. L. T. Club No. 1, and D. of T. at the Garnet Lunch room was a swell affair. Mrs. A. J. Moody of Rushville, Ind., who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. John F. Moreland, returned home last week. Mrs. Tabitha Early of Walnut Hills was the guest of Mrs. Moreland last week. One of the leading features of the Zion Baptist literary society is a mock trial in which H. B. Brooks was the culprit Attorney for state, C.H. Hunter and A. B. Erving, for the defendant, G. L. Coleman and J. S. Fielding, Judge of the court Hon. Rob't G. Brown, verdict rendered in favor of the defendant.

A Prominent Couple Elope.

Union City, Tenn., Special.

Miss Eula B. Martin of Trenton is visiting her brother W. B. Martin. Miss Cortley of Rutherford, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. W. West. Miss Nora Sims of Jackson, passed through the city Saturday enroute to Nashville, Tenn. Miss Mattie Jackson of Mayfield, Ky., was the guest of Miss Lucy Lannum this week. Phillip Banks, an old Union City boy, but now of Mayfield, Ky., was mingling with his many friends here this week. The Mayfield base ball club crossed bats with the Union Citys Thursday and resulted in a victory for Union City boys, score 9 to 3. Batery for Union City, Rodgers and Shafer. The features of the game was the pitching of Rodgers, striking out eleven men. The batting of Branford brothers Sims and Thomas, and the first base work of Chambers. In the fourth inning Anderson of Mayfield ran into Hollomon, the third baseman, and Hollomon was badly hurt and had to be carried off the grounds. It was an interesting game. Mrs. Emma Inman of Lebanon, Tenn., was in the city this week. Mr Ed. McGee and Holsey Jones of Trenton was in the city this week mingling with their many friends. Miss Altie Hyde and Miss Hattie Seword stopped off in the city this week enroute to Hickman, Ky. Jas. Waddy one of the leading barbers of the city, also a preacher and married man left for parts unknown with Miss Fannie Edwards. Little Miss Willie James of Dyer, Tenn., has retured home after spending several days in the city. Miss Virginia Smith of Jackson is visiting Miss Virginia Scott.

Childrens Day Observed.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.

Children's day was observed at the Methodist and Baptist churches last Sabbath. A nice program was carried out. Rev. W. C. Banton preached an excellent sermon last Sabbath at 11 a. m. The Odd Fellows of this city are preparing to have a grand time here July 5th. The District Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama will convened here. Mrs. W. Banton is in the city. Miss Ida Wade has returned from Albany, Ga. Send 40cts in postage to W. H. Wallace, Eufaula, Ala and secure a copy of the emancipation proclamation.

Shelbyville's Latest News.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

The teachers have just closed a two weeks institute. The examination at the close is said to have been a very rigid one. Several are not feeling safe. Misses Jenkins and Dunlap, two interesting young ladies from Nashville will teach in our county. Mr. P. P. Singleton is seriously sick at this writing. His mother, Mrs. Franklin, is here. Mr. James Brown, the barber, is low. He was Baptized last week and joined the Baptist church. Miss Maggie Davis, in company with Prof. and Mrs. J. C. McAdams are in Nashville attending the Fisk commencement and the Centennial. Rev. Beckum filled the pulpit at Mt. Zion Baptist church last Sunday. Mrs. Mary J. Anderson and Miss Maggie Stubbs have moved into C. J. Thompsons new house. They are succeeding nicely with their dressmaking. Rev. B. A, J Nixon will have a rally to-morrow. He is making herculean efforts to build a new church. Rev. S. R Reid was here holding his quarterly meeting recently. Bishop P. Thompson has returned from an extended visit to the Centennial. Mr. N. B. Morton attended the teachers institute. He is farming this year and has a fine crop. S C. Rainey was elected president of the Teacher' Institute.

Our I's and....
....Other Eyes.

Our I's are just as strong as they were fifty years ago, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising, and we are more than willing for you to see us through other eyes. This is how we look to S. F. Boyce, wholesale and retail druggist, Duluth, Minn, who after a quarter of a century of observation writes:

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, both at wholesale and retail, and have never heard anything but words of praise from my customers; not a single complaint has ever reached me. I believe Ayer's Sarsaparilla to be the best blood purifier, that has been introduced to the general public." This, from a man who has sold thousands of dozens of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, is strong testimony. But it only echoes popular sentiment the world over, which has, **"Nothing but words of praise for Ayer's Sarsaparilla."**

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Graduates Received Diplomas.

Charlottesville, S. C., Special.

Charlottesville school closing for the year 1897, which took place recently. It was a credit to the race to see some fourteen graduates receive their diplomas. The names of the graduates are as follows: Ernest B. Allen, Harry Roberson, Chas. Thomas, Harry West, William Logan, Annie C. Bryant, Rebecca B. Ferguson, Gertrude E. Sneed, Gertrude M. D. Stewart, Nannie S. Fleming, Susie V. Fleming, Catherine Walker, Mollie E. Jackson.

C. H. & D. Milage.

The C. H. & D. Commercial one thousand mile tickets, sold at $20.00 will hereafter be good on the following roads: Louisville, New Albany, and Chicago, New York, Chicago and St. Louis, Michigan Central between Toledo and Detroit, Toledo, St. Louis and Kansas City, Terre Haute and Indianapolis, Baltimore and Ohio, west of Pittsburg and Benwood, B. and O. Southwestern, Peoria, Decatur and Evansville, Indianapolis, Decatur and Western, Cleveland, Terminal and Valley, N. Y., P. and O. Div. Erie, Pittsburg and Western, Dayton and Union, Columbus, Hocking Valley and Toledo, Findlay, Fort Wayne and Western, Cleveland, Lorain and Wheeling.

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The celebrated doctress, whose name heads this article, is a resident of St. Louis. The doctress offers a reward of 50 dollars for any disease mentioned in this article that her treatment and remedies will not cure. You need not suffer from any pain or ache, for one dose of her nerve and blood tonic and an application of her liniment will prove its value. Try it and be convinced.

During a recent visit of ten days to Fulton, Mo., her native place, Doctress Porter treated hundreds of cases and

DOCTRESS SADIE F. PORTER.

sold more than a hundred bottles of her medicine, consisting of her Nerve and Blood Tonic, Hair Tonic, Linament and Moustache Grower. John Bragg, one of the oldest white residents of Fulton, said that thirty-five years ago he saw her mother brought into the M. E. church for the purpose of being healed by a white magnetic physician. After having been treated by the doctor, she discarded her crutches and went to her home without assistance. A few months after this almost miraculous healing Sadie F. Porter was born.

Mr. Bragg had Doctress Porter to treat Mrs. Bragg while on her visit to Fulton. Another instance of her magnetic power was her treatment of an old gentleman name Cole. Her father, Mr. Laban Stone, loaned Mr. Cole the money to purchase his (Stone's) freedom.

Among her patients in Fulton are Mr. Harper, dropsy; Mrs. Sarah

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Brown, cancer of stomach; J. W. Broyls, paralysis, and Miss Olivia Graves, consumption. These patients are all doing well and are on the road to recovery.

The Doctress detects the presence of pain by the sense of touch; the moment her hand is placed near the pain the hand begins to swell. She touches the body where the pain is, and the pain disappears at once.

Her Magnetic Nerve and Blood Tonic will cure female weakness in its worst form. It purifies the blood, builds up the system and relieves constipation: will cure headache in five minutes; is a boon for liver and kidney complaints. It is perfectly harmless, and can be given to a baby, as it is purely vegetable. It acts like magic in la grippe.

In support of the foregoing statements the Doctress hands us the following testimonials by persons who have been benefitted by her remedies and treatment, all St. Louis people:

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 20, '94.

I have been a sufferer for two years from catarrh in the head and indigestion, with pains in the breast. I was always sleepy and drowsy. My mother was very much alarmed about me, so when she heard of this lady she put me under her treatment, and after the first treatment I felt better, and now am well. My name is James Johnson I am only 10 years old. My mother is delighted, and I hope everyone who reads this, if they are sick, they will give Mrs. Doctress Porter a trial.

JAMES JOHNSON.

410 Morgan street.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 12, 1897.

I was so afflicted I did not know my own family for awhile, but as soon as I took a few doses of Mrs. Dr. Porter's medicine I began to recover. I had been unable to work for over six months; even my head and face would twist around, and I could not prevent it. Just as soon as I had taken her Magnetic Blood and Nerve Tonic, I recovered.

HENRY IRWIN.

117 Eiler Street.

ST. LOUIS, March 24, 1897.

This is to certify that I have been greatly benefitted by the use of the medicines manufactured by Mrs. Dr. Sadie F. Porter, and words are inadequate to tell the good she has done and is doing for humanity, for any ailment described in her circular can be cured by her remedies. Try them and be convinced. She is a reliable doctress.

REV. H. W. SMITH.

113 Eiler street.

ST. LOUIS, April 14, 1897.

In recommending Mrs. Dr. Porter, I can say with truth that she is a worthy member of St. Paul A. M. E. church, whose efforts have been signally blessed to thousands of our people. Many of her cures have been almost phenomenal.

C. W. PRESTON, Pastor.

ST. LOUIS, January 3, 1893.

I was a sufferer with rheumatism which I contracted while a soldier in the army. Every winter for twenty-five years I have been constantly worried. Last winter my condition became so serious that I gave up all hopes of recovery. I had lost the use of my limbs. The doctors pronounced it paralysis and incurable. A year ago I began Miss S F Porter's treatment; in three weeks I was out, and in a short while I was entirely well, and have not been affected since. Her treatments are remarkable, and I heartily recommend her to all sufferers.

JAMES OAKMAN.

3022 Lambdin avenue.

ST. LOUIS.

I write this to certify that I have been under medical treatment for ten years, and have spent hundreds of dollars and found no relief, for catarrh of the stomach, until I tried your Blood and Nerve Tonic and Magnetic Liniment. After using your remedies for several months I am cured, and I am stouter than I ever was before. I have also cured all ailments of my family, such as fevers, cholera infantum and diphtheria. I highly recommend it to all ailing persons.

MRS. W. P. MOUNTS.

5746 North Market street.

ST. LOUIS, April 14, 1897.

This is to certify that I am acquainted with Mrs. S. F. Porter, and regard her strictly honest and truthful. Should she undertake any curable cases, the best results may be expected

W. H. H BROWN.

Pastor Elliot Ave M. E. church.

ST LOUIS, April 22, 1897.

This certifies that I have been subject to asthma for twenty years Have spent many sleepless nights in agony. I have tried scores of remedies and only received temporary relief. About one year ago when I was in great misery and about to give up all hope, I tried Dr. S F. Porter's remedies and received instant relief I continued to improve until to-day I consider myself cured.

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The Great Magic Liniment cures rheumatism, neuralgia, pains in the back, swollen and stiff joints. It cures headach, toothache, frostbites, chilblains and sore feet.

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The prices of the above preparations are as follows: Blood Tonic, $1; Liniment, 50 cents; Hair Grower, 50 cents; Moustache Grower, 25 cents; Hair Oil, 25 cents; Wash for Skin, 25 cents; Tooth Cream, small size, 25 cents; Tooth Cream, large size, 50 cents; Mexican Indian Soap, three cakes for 25 cents. You should not let an opportunity pass you It is health that you want.

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News and Notes.

Yazoo City, Miss., Special.

The exercises at the close of the public graded schools were good. They would have done credit to any institution. The papers by the six graduates were well rendered and much praise is due them and their teacher, Prof. J. A. Martin. Misses Carrie James and Pearl Mason, who were the guests of Mrs. P. O. Jamison, returned to their home in Jackson Wednesday evening. The entertainment was an enjoyable affair. We are glad to welcome Mr. Miller, the brother of Dr L. T. Miller, to our city. W. L. Jones, the grocer, is doing a thriving business, he knows how to treat his customers well. Prof. P. A. Wardlow and wife were called to the city to see the last of their niece, Stella Hemphill. Her death, which occured on the 1st inst., was quite a shock to her parents and the community. She was an able child with a seemingly bright future. Mrs. Wilson James who has been quite sick is convalescent. Little Helen Newman is on the sick list. Miss L. C. Williams has been re-elected as principal of the Greenville High School. The entertainment given by the young boys at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gibbs, was said to be one of the grandest of that kind of the season, and all enjoyed themselves. Miss Bettie Martin will spend the summer with her brother, Prof. J. A. Martin. Miss Anna Dotson of Greenwood attended the commencement exercises last week. She was the guest of Mrs. J. C. Houston. Mrs. Cowan has returned from Vicksburg. The teachers will soon take their departure to attend one of the Normals.

ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Quite an interesting program was rendered last Sunday evening by the children.

Mrs. Zelina Posey and little son of Terre Haute spent last Sunday with Mrs. A. L. Murray.

Everybody is looking forward to next Thursday when Allen Chapel S. S. will picnic at Bethany Park. It will be the largest of its kind to leave the Union Station. Adults 50c; children 25c.

Mrs. Emma Edwards of Terre Haute was a guest of Mrs. Mary Johnson last Sunday.

Rev. Murray and Mrs. M. A. Teister left last Monday afternoon for Wilberforce to attend commencement.

Allen Chapel Sunday School will picnic at Bethany Park, Thursday June 24. Fare for round trip, adults 50 cents. Children 25c.

WHEREAS, In the Providence of All-wise God who doeth all things right, has seen fit to call out of our midst the soul of our deceased brother, Henry Doke, a class leader and trustee.

WHEREAS, He has been a faithful member of our beloved Zion for over a score of years, whose life in our midst has been like a city upon a hill, a lighthouse and a watch tower for the worried and the wanderer and benighted soul, and

WHEREAS, His association in the class in the boards has been of eternal benefit and comfort to all

Resolved, That we the members of steward and trustee boards of Allen Chapel bow our heads with mournful hearts and say in the language of Christ "Thy will be done, Oh Father; thou has given and thou has taken, and blessed be the name of the Lord."

Resolved, That we feel the loss of his counsel and the christian light that eminated from him. His leadership to us is irreparable.

Resolved, That we do hereby extend to the bereaved family our sympathy and prayers that God will sustain them in this dark hour of sorrow.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereft family, be spread upon the face of our minutes, and that a copy be sent to the city papers.

Steward Committee, John T. Williams, Calvin Brooks, John Carmichael; Committee Trustee, Chas. Green, Joseph Price, Benj Mitchell.

NINTH PRESBYTERIAN NOTES.

The Rev. Wm. O. White preached two able sermons last Sunday. The Rev. White will preach to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. He is both zealous and profound in the work of Christ. Special music by the choir in the evening. Misses Duretta Dickson and Kate Clay will sing a duet.

The Sunday school which meets at 2:30, elected officers last Sunday: Dr. Joseph H. Ward superintendent; John Carter, assistant with a full corp of officers and teachers. Friends invited.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

All services were well attended last Sabbath.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by pastor. The mid-week gospel meetings Wednesday afternoons are well attended

The Orinoco Circle turned over $55.78 to the church. They were entertained at the residence of Mrs. McConley in Minerva street.

The pastor's tenth anniversary sermon will be preached by Rev. J. D. Rouse of Evansville to-morrow.

Bro. J. W. Quinn preached his trial sermon last Tuesday night.

Rev. N. Parks of St. Louis preached Sunday night. Collection $120.39.

Will Erect a Monument.

Mrs. Woodard Stewart of Noblesville has been appointed superintendent of the district of Indiana of the National Memorial Association of Women, the purpose of which is to solicit funds for the erection of a monument to the memory of John Brown. The association met in annual session at Washington, D. C., recently. Mrs. Steward appointed Miss Lucy B. Stone, also of Noblesville, secretary. A meeting will be called in Noblesville soon.

Election of Officers.

South Bend, Ind., Special.

Rev. G. D. Smith has returned from Sandusky and Loraine, O., he reports a good time. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Walden will move to Kankakee, Ill. Mrs. G. D. Smith and Mrs. Chas. Brown will visit Sandusky and Norwalk, O., the latters birth place. Mrs. D. Lee changed her residence to 303 Walnut street. Several strangers visited Mt. Zion Baptist Church Sunday. All are welcome. Two young men attempted to fight at the church door recently; it was a disagreeable affair. Mrs. A. Smiley will visit her mother at Indianapolis. Miss Hackley is visiting her aunt Mrs. Margaret Smith. St. Joe lodge, No. 3196 elected officers June 7. W. C. Franklin, N. G.; N. Saunders, V. G.; J. S. Mitchell, P. S.; Chas. Hughes, E. S.; T. M. Johnson, P. N. G.; Eli Johnson, W. T.; W. T. Bridgiman, advocate; W. H. Murphy, N. F.; Webster James, W.; W. M. Simpson, Inside G.

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Election of Officers.

Springfield, O., Special.

The recent election of officers of the Y. M. C. A. resulted as follows: B. Robinson, president; Mr. Jackson, secretary; Andy Ducan, sargeant-at arms; Mrs. Mamie Rolland, treasurer; and Nellie White, critic. Miss D. L. Beasley left for Urbana to act as chaperon for the chorus girls in "The Chimes of Normandy." The funeral services of Pearl Wells was held at Center street M. E. church Sunday. Interments at Fermcliffe. Mr. Dickson and Munford officiated. Rev. F. J, Warnick of the Second Baptist church delivered an able address to the John Brown's Post, the American Mistery and the state militia. Mrs. O. M. Harris and Mr. Chas. Fry returned with glad tidings, accompanied with great joy from the Baptist Institute held at Urbana. Mr. Chas. Fry was elected president of the institute for the ensuing year. The Star Division of the U. R. K. of P. made a pretty appearance. We can hope that these brethern may increase in number. The musical program of the Second A. M. E. church was extraordinary. It was composed of some of the best talent of the city. Mr. Kain of London, is visiting in the city. You can get The Freeman from the agent, Chas. G. DeCoursey.

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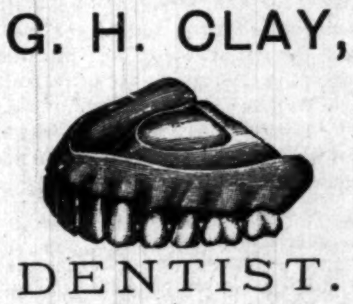

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Lillian Yaray of "Darkest America" is spending the summer in Chicago.

It is said that Al G. Fields will have two colored companies the coming season.

Smart & Williams were at Huber's Palace Museum, New York City, last week.

J. Harry Fiddler, mimic, may be seen with Al G. Fields' shows the coming season.

Cicero Reed, acrobat, formerly with "Darkest America," was on the bill at Haymarket Theatre, Chicago, last week.

Doc Sayles is making a big hit singing "Dora Dean" in England. John Rucker is doing the same in this country.

The McCarver Bros., have closed a season of forty-five weeks with "Darkest America" and returned to Chicago for the summer.

Isham's "Octoroons" were at Koster & Bial's Roof Garden, New York City, last week, and notwithstanding the inclement weather played to excellent business.

The "Black Patti Troubadours" closed a most successful season, with their four weeks stay at Proctor's Pleasure Palace, New York City, week ending June 12.

Frank Dumont the author of "Darkest America" is busy rewriting it for the coming season. The third act will be entirely taken up with the opera of "Aladdin."

Lew Johnson's "Uncle Tom Cabin" company are playing to excellent business through the southern mines of California. They appeared at Jackson, Cal., June 11-12.

The Penn Sisters, Eva and Effie, the "Buckeye Nightengales," accompanied by Miss Estella MaGruder, the accomplished pianist, are concerting through Ohio with deserved success.

George Bailey, the famous slide trombone soloist, who characterized the part of Col. Charlott in Al G. Field's "Darkest America" company closed a very successful season June 2, and is resting at Mt. Clements, Mich.

The three great hits are "Enjoy Yourself," "She's My Warm Baby," and "I'll Make That Black Gal Mine." They can be secured by addressing Chas. B. Ward care T. B. Harms & Co., street, New York City.

Shepard Edmonds, the phenomenal baritone balladist, will make his debut in that role about August 10. Mr. Edmonds is a composer and an all-around performer; having spent the past season with "Darkest America."

Cora J. Carter, the old woman impersonator with "Darkest America" having closed the season with company at Columbus, O, left for St. Louis, Mo., where she is engaged for two weeks, leaving then for her home in Jersey City, where she will remain until next season.

P. G. Lowery and E. O. Green, late of the Nashville Students' Concert company are spending their summer in Boston, attending musical conservatories. Mr Lowery has been band master for the past four years; he is a cornet soloist of considerable ability. Mr. Green is trombone soloist with the same organization.

Mme. Kate A. Patterson, the famous dramatist, captivated the audience at Bryn Mawr, Pa., Monday evening 7th inst., receiving five encores. She was assisted by Mme Marie Selka prima donna Sig Velosco tenor baritone and Rob. Robinson of Philadelphia. Mme. Patterson was the star of the evening. Hon. H. C. C. Astwood, the pastor, has engaged her for a return engagement.

Bob Cole, who while a member of the Black Patti Troubadours, was recently arrested at Proctor's Pleasure Palace, New York City, and held under bonds to answer a charge of larceny. was held to be guiltless by the grand jury, June 5, which refused to find a bill against him. His trouble arose from his having appropriated the music of the burlesque "At Gay Coon-ey Island," in use by the company, which he claimed to have written and owned. He is therefore, free of the charge, and his claim of ownership is practically established.

John Rucker of Al G. Fields' "Darkest America" company is spending a few weeks in Columbus, O. Mr. Rucker scored a great hit in his part of Uncle Amos in "Darkest America" and will be with "Darkest America next season. At a banquet given recently by the State Association of Funeral Directors an entertainment was given in which Mr. Rucker made quite a hit by singing "Dora Dean."

The Pattersons—W. Frank and Kate A.—are doing dramatic sketch work, it is a new idea, and it is said that their work stands above that of any other in higher class of sketch work. They closed the season at Chester, Pa., June 14, and left for their cottage (Forest Cottage) in Belmer, N. J., two miles via trolley from Asbury Park, where they will be pleased to meet members of the profession.

Dion Boucicault's great play the "Octoroon" was very creditably presented by local talent of Knoxville, Tenn., in Staub's Theatre, May 14, under the auspices of Misses Mary P. Mason and Rebecca Tate, with the following cast: Wm. Lacy as George Peyton; George Cheatham as Jacob McCloskey; Ed. Wallace as W. W. Sunnyside; Robert Cole as Pete; Master Dawson Benson as Paul; John McGhee as Col. Lafouche; John Boyd as Col. Poindexter; James D. Foster as Salem Scadder; Thomas McCorkle as Wah-No-Tee; Miss Rebecca Tate as Mrs. Peyton; Miss C. S. Mason as Dora Sunnyside; Miss Mary P. Mason as Zoe and Mable W. Mason as Grace.

Williams & Walker, the celebrated delineators of Negro characters, known as the "Tobasco Senegambians" have a new song that may ultimately bring them even greater fame than their well known "You're Not So Warm." The song is entitle, "I Don't Care If You Nebber Come Back," words by Raymond A. Browne, music by Monroe H. Rosenfield, and they brought it out for the first time in their new sketch at Koster & Bial's, New York City, this week. The song is written in "rag time." a movement now very popular with Negro specialists, and the Williams and Walker team will feature the ditty during the entire season, affirming that it will be the greatest character hit ever presented in the line of comic Negro specialties. The song is published by J. W. Stern & Co., New York City.

A Grand Musical.

Columbus, O., Special.

The Old Folks' concert held at St. Paul A. M. E. church Friday night was enjoyed by a large crowd. A grand musical concert was given Monday night by the Donaldson Street church, assisted by the famous Excelsior Mandolin club and the Mendelssohn vocal club. Prof. Ransom, Miss Luckner, Julia Harris, May Ransom and many others took part. The instrumental parts were well rendered, and the solos were par excellent. Capt. Rudd, of Springfield, was in the city. Elder Green, of McChanicsburg, has been taking in the sights of the city. Miss Emma Mayes, sister of J. Lambert, of Champion avenue, died at Barnesville, O. Manhattan base ball club have played their first game at Minerva park, where they have been engaged for the season. Mme. Smith has moved to Spring and Lazell streets where she will conduct her business. There was collected at the grand rally of St. Paul A. M E church Sunday, $550 Bishop Lee, who had just arrived from Xenia, O., preached an able sermon, which was highly pleasing.

Graduating Exercises.

Broad Ripple, Ind., Spacial.

On the evening of May 27th the graduating class of Washington township public school held their public exercises in the auditorium of Broad Ripple park. The class consisted of twenty girls and boys, all of whom acquitted themselves with honor. F. J. Van Vorhis deliver the class address. Sampson B. Scott, the colored graduate, won great praise. His subject was, "The Advancement of the Negro Race" His oration was well delivered and received with applause.

EXCURSIONS TO NASHVILLE.

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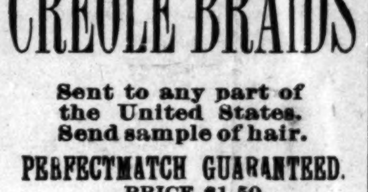

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OF THE CONFERENCE BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S MITE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE

A. M. E. Church, Met at Allen Chapel, This City, June 3d—Excellent Papers on Different Topics—New Officers Elected.

The first annual convention of the conference branch of the Woman's Mite Missionary society of the A. M E. church, met at Allen Chapel Thursday, June 3d, at 3 p. m. The President, Mrs. M. A. Tiester, called the meeting to order, and Miss Mattie B. Miller was elected recording secretary. The most that was done that afternoon was the appointment of committees. There were fifty-three persons at the first session. Elder Jesse Bass, of Frankfort, was elected reporter for the Christian Recorder, and Mrs. A. G. Clayborn, of Indianapolis, reporter for The Freeman.

In the evening the ladies of Allen Chapel gave a grand reception for the state officers and the delegates. An excellent musical and literary program was rendered. Space will not permit me to speak of all who contributed to make the entertainment a success. Mrs. Sallie Dudly, as mistress of ceremonies, was the right one in the right place. The program was made up of choruses, solos, duets, both instrumental and vocal, and several recitations, all of which were excellent. But this was not all of the reception The ladies had prepared all the delicacies of the season for the officers and delegates When they left the church they had received both an intellectual and material feast.

Friday morning Rev. A. L Murray, pastor of Allen Chapel, delivered the welcome address. When he had finished everyone felt to be perfectly welcome in the city. The response was made by Miss Hattie A. Fossett, of Franklin, corresponding secretary. Miss Fossett is always interesting, and she was at her best. Her tribute to the Sainted Bishop Allen was both beautiful and touching. The interest manifested in the consecration meeting showed plainly that these women are in earnest and mean to work for the extension of the Master's kingdom. Many consecrated themselves to the work. Dr. Parks, the secretary of missions, was to have been with them Friday night and preach, but it was impossible for him to be present, and Rev. D. A. Graham, pastor of Bethel church, preached a very interesting sermon.

On Saturday morning Rev W. H Saunders, of Crawfordsville, the conference committeeman, explained fully the relation the ministers hold to the missionary society. When he finished many things were clearly understood.

A carefully prepared constitution was adopted by the convention, subject to the approval of the Bishop and conference. All the papers read before the convention were excellent and showed careful study and preparation. Mrs. A. L. Murray's subject was, "Our Missionary Lights." These lights are the Voice of Missions, the Christian Recorder and the Woman's Light and Love. Mrs. Susie Porter told in her paper many good ways to raise money for the missionary cause Mrs. R A. Thompson read a very touching paper on "Our Young People in Reformatories and Prisons." Excellent papers were also read by Miss Mattie B. Miller, Mrs. Ella Williams, of Indianapolis, and Mrs. Emma Hall, of Terre Haute, and others. The choir rendered some excellent music, and the chorus of forty voices sang Sunday afternoon.

The officers have been very careful in their expenditures this year, only using about $34.50, including the expenses of the convention. When the corresponding secretary read her report Sunday night, there was more than $114 in the treasury.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. M. A. Teister, Crawfordsville, president; Mrs G A. Ratcliff, Kokomo, first vice-president; Mrs. A. L. Murray, city, second vice-president; Mrs. Ida Allen, Anderson, third vice-president; Miss Hattie Fossett, Franklin, corresponding secretary; Mrs. A G. Clayborn, city, recording secretary; Mrs. Susie Porter, city, treasurer; Mrs. Zella Johnson, Greencastle, state organizer.

Sunday afternoon Rev. Zella Johnson preached an able sermon from, "And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this," Esther 4th chapter and the last clause of the 14th verse. The convention closed Sunday night with love feast. The coming together of these earnest christian workers caused me to understand the aim and work of the Woman's Mite Missionary society better. The work of these women can not be too highly estimated. The president, Mrs. M. A. Teister, and first vice-president, Mrs. G A. Ratcliff, have both been in the mission work for many years. They have many able assistants in the other officers and the chairmen of the standing committees, who are: Mrs. Ella Williams, city; Mrs. Carrie Smith, Portland; Mrs. Kate Winslow, Marion; Mrs. R. A. Thompson, city; Miss Lamma Mason, city, and Mrs. Susie Hayden, Greencastle.

The officers expressed themselves as being much encouraged at the outlook just now. Many paid their membership fee during the convention. The ministers of the city and others of the cities around showed much interest in the work, and assisted the ladies in every way they could. The convention was attended by over seven hundred people. Surely they are awakening to their duty. The delegates expressed themselves in glowing terms of the hospitality of the pastor and members of Allen Chapel They never had been treated better, and the next place where they hold the convention will have to exert itself greatly to come up to the Chapel. Sunday Mrs. Teister had presented to her a handsome bouquet of white roses, and Mrs. Zella Johnson a red one. On Monday morning Mrs. Teister received another one equally as handsome.

The following resolutions were passed at the close of the convention:

WHEREAS, Our eyes have been opened to the great necessity of doing more for the cause of fallen humanity, both at home and abroad, and

WHEREAS, We behold with shame the destitute condition in which many of our worn out preachers are left, therefore be it

Resolved, That we double our efforts to awaken the women of our church to a deeper interest in missionary work, and that we will try to double our membership during the ensuing year.

Resolved, That we will strive in every reasonable way to raise more money, working always in harmony with the pastors, for the good of the whole church.

Resolved, That we will endeavor to increase the interest in dollar money as one means for caring for our worn out preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers.

Resolved, That we extend to Rev. W. H Saunders, conference committeeman, presiding elders Revs. H. H. Thompson, M. Lewis, C. C. Townsend and the visiting ministers our sincere thanks for their presence and assistance; also our president, secretaries and treasurer many thanks.

WHEREAS, The pastor, members and friends of Allen Chapel have opened their church, homes and hearts so generously and have entertained us so royally during our stay in their midst, and

WHEREAS, The choir has furnished us with such soul stirring music, and

WHEREAS, The young people of the church gave us such a fine musical reception, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we tender Rev. A. L. Murray and his amiable wife, his warm-hearted congregation, his choir and the musical young people our most heartfelt thanks, and assure them that we will ever cherish pleasant remembrances of our sojourn in their midst. Many thanks and God bless you all. Be it

Resolved, That we extend to The Freeman many thanks for their courtesy and liberality in doing our printing and advertising

Committee: { MRS. CARRIE SMITH, MRS. IDA ALLEN, MRS. GOLDIE JONES, MRS. ZELLA JOHNSON, MRS. D. A. GRAHAM.

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MR EDITOR OF THE FREEMAN:

DEAR SIR—i rit a Letter bout 3 weeks ago: yes nie 4 Week ago to the freeman but hove it away and cludded to wate Tell some of our Grate Writters ansered my Challenge: i give mr b. Square and mr Thompson Credit For they letters anserring me: the ress of your great writers stands Convickted Before the Cort of Publick Pinion for Cowerddise: in replying to the Boys for i rite my Reply: let me say i is Not tryen to lowrate them or too casst slures At them: is i do beleve and no they is both tryen to Push the Proggress of the Race along and will i think Do Better by my Little beateing i gave Them: but mr: editor: i still Holds my Pint: my Pint are: that the race is Not is a hole makeing the Proggress it Should Make: now Mr: editor: i do Not want to Be a fighting with them Boys so i will leave the case to the Readers of the freeman. the case are like this is this young negro Race what Had Growed up since the War: with all the lite and nollage they has: Progressen is much is the old Race done for The War? the case is Baxter agin Square and Thompson: Baxter air the Plaintist and Square en Tomson is the Defentent: the freeman the Judge and the readers of the freeman the Jurrie: let me here from the Jurrie who are right: the Old man or the young men? before i close is i can Not write much now: who is i to follow B Square or Thompson one Conter Dicks the other one: The Square boy say: do not in your writeing be Personal: but fling your stones in the crode of People: the other one: the Tomson boy: he say: stead of find falt with the Hole Race: pick Out the Bad ones one Bye One: now mr. editor Who is we to follow when these two Grate Writers Dissergree: we must Take to the woods: But Mr. Editor of The Freeman: i must Close is i Do not Feel Well: i work Hard this week: i will wate For to Hear from the Jurry in the Case and then write againe a Long Letter of my vues on the Things of the day. Yours for the Proggress of the Race to be pushed along

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PAGE GLEANINGS.

"From Existence to Life" is the title of a little book compiled and arranged by Mabel Crusman, of Clarksville, Tenn.

Hon. C. H. J. Taylor, Ex-Recorder of Deeds, Washington, D. C., has located in Baltimore, Md., where he will practice law.

I. H. Lofton has been appointed as postmaster at Hoganville, Ga. Hogansville has had a colored postmaster who discharged very efficiently the duties of the office.

Wm. Clark, newspaper writer, died recently at Indianapolis, Ind. His house at Mercer. Pa., was formerly a station on the Underground Railroad that took Negroes to Canada.

Booker T. Washington, principal of the Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., has received an invitation to deliver the principal address at the next annual convocation of the University of the State of New York.

Artist Henry O. Tanner had a painting, "The Raising of Lazarus," in the Champs Elysees salon in Paris, France, this season. The French Government has purchased the painting to be added to the collection in the Luxembourg. This is considered a distinguished honor as merit alone is the only consideration that causes the French Government to make the purchase.

The degree of LL. D., has been conferred upon Recorder Cheatham by Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., from which institution Mr. Cheatham graduated. President Meserve presented the degree in person. Mr. Cheatham is the first colored man to receive this degree from Shaw University. The Recorder was also notified that he had been further honored by being elected a trustee of Shaw University, to take the place of Ex-Gov. Levi K. Fuller, of Vermont.

By formal act the mulatto family of the late ex-Governor George W. Dye of Elberton, Ga., came into possession of his estate, said to be worth $500,000. Dye belonged to one of the largest slave owning families in the South. Having been jilted by the daughter of a neighbor, he forsook white companions. When he died $40,000 in gold was found in a sack under the pillow. His will left all to his Negro family.

Every since the manufacture of cotton goods was begun in the South there has been discussion as to whether colored labor could be used in them satisfactorily. While some have contended that all the work in a cotton factory could be well done by the colored people, others have contended that they were unreliable and that the systematic work of a factory would be interfered with and destroyed by the irregular attendance of the colored employees. In some measure, the problem has been solved, but it yet remains to be seen if work on a large scale can be carried on systematically and profitably by the use of colored help. That they are quick to learn and wonderfully expert with their hands has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of all unprejudiced observers, but they could be depended upon for constant attendance to work has been doubted. In a conversation on this subject two years ago, General Walker, of Charleston, S. C., who managed the Charleston Cotton Mill for some time, expressed his belief that the only way that mill could be made to pay would be by the use of colored labor. He urged the directors to make that change, but was overruled. When talking of the matter, he stated that he should depend on the Negro's love of home to insure attendance on work; the cotton mill owned a large number of tenement houses, and the General expressed his belief that the fear of being turned out of their homes would influence the Negroes most potently. It must be a matter of great satisfaction to him that the reorganized company has decided that in the future the mills should be operated by colored labor. There is an abundance of intelligent colored workers to be had in all parts of the South, and in those localities where, as in Charleston, it is difficult to obtain a sufficient number of good white operatives, there is sure to be a surplus of colored help, the steady employment of which cannot fail to be a benefit to the community. This superabundance of docile labor is but one of the many advantages we have neglected to take advantage of. With it the South can become the manufacturing centre of the world. The decision of the Charleston mills to make this departure, is therefore of more than ordinary importance, and the result of the trial will be watched with keen interest by all who have the future prosperity of the South at heart.—Dixie.

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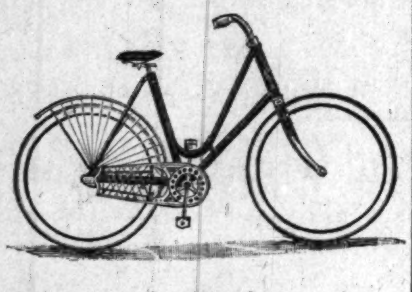

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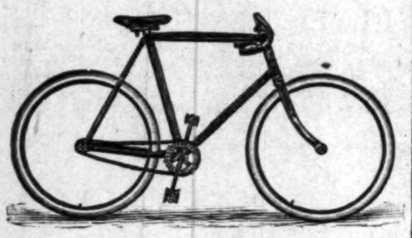

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LOCAL NOTES.

The Alpha Home picnic July 29.

Children's Day will be observed at Corinthian church to-morrow.

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Rev. Jacob R. Raynor has recovered from a severe attack of typhoid pneumonia.

If you want ice cream or ice cream soda, call at Wright's, 69 Indiana Ave.

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Miss Craig of Richmond, Ind., who will sing in the Musical Festival, will arrive Sunday.

Most everyone likes to fish—then don't miss Allen Chapel S. S. picnic next Thursday June 24.

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Hattie L. was divorced from Ernest W. Smith, and Elizabeth from Joseph Gentry recently.

Florida Eubanks the rising young pianist will be heard in the Musical Festival, June 22-23.

Rev. D. A. Graham and A. Wakefield were appointed on the advisory board of the Alpha Home Association.

Plenty of shelter at Bethany Park. Join Allen Chapel S. S. next Thursday. Train leaves Union Station at 8 a. m.

The principal solos and choruses of the Third Annual Musical Festival will be taken on cylinders for the graphaphone.

Tear yourself away from the cares of business for one day, and join your families at Bethany Park, Thursday next June 24.

Mrs. M. A. Teister of Crawfordsville made an address before the members of the Alpha Home Association at their last meeting.

Come early and get a good seat next Thursday morning, for Allen Chapel S. S. always takes an immense crowd, and everybody likes to go to Bethany Park. Be ready at 8 p. m.

Miss Hattie Knox, who recently graduated from the Greenfield High School, enjoys the distinction of being the second colored girl thus honored.

Don't be late—prepare your lunch Wednesday, and be ready at 8 a. m. Thursday June 24, to go with Allen Chapel to Bethany Park.

Have you a mother, father, brother, sister, friend, or sweetheart, that wants to spend one happy day with the birds and flowers? Then let them go with Allen Chapel Sunday School p[illegible] next Thursday June 24. Arrangements have been made for the Railroad Company to furnish enough cars so that there will be no crowding.

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Why not cancel your engagement to the seashore, and go with that little faithful band of Sunday school workers of Allen Chapel to Bethany Park next Thursday—to spend a delightful time in a shady grove, with a pretty, rippling brook where you can play with the finy tribe all day. Round trip 50c, adults; children 25c.

MISS MYRTLE HART,
Harpist, who will appear in the Third Annual Musical Festival, Bethel Church June 22-23.

The following are the additional persons to the now famous Musical Festival: Litye Meadows, Albert Pickett, William Russell, Allie Beard, Lena Hill, Mattie Grigsby, Mrs. Dr. Beulah Porter, Sidney Dupee, and Wm. Hunt. The above names were omitted through mistake.

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Dudley Patterson of Danville, Ill., is visiting in the city.

Charles Jackson and Miss Ada Means were recently married.

G. W. Chivis spent several days in Terre Haute this week.

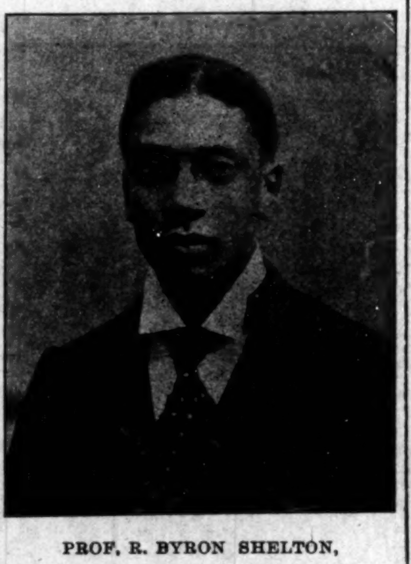
James W. White, of "Darkest America" company, is in the city.

Mrs. Edward Simmons and son are visiting their aunt in St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. Richard Huggins, 511 State street, New Albany, was in toe city a few days this week.

Wm. Mayberry and Mrs. Minnie Kellar were married last Monday, Rev. Murray officiating.

In response to invitation about 200 guests partook of the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Kincaid at their cosy home in Willow street last Tuesday from 2 till 5 and from 8 to 11 p. m., in honor of their daughter, Miss Nora, who has just graduated from the Industrial Training School and from the High School. Miss Kincaid wore her graduating dress, a pretty white organdy. She was assisted in receiving by Misses Ollie Dickson, "Lady" Christy, Alethea Crossen and Ada Bagby, who were similarly attired. The parlors were beautifully decorated. Mme L'zzie Pugh-Dougan rendered several vocal selections, also Miss Kincaid. Wm. Pierce gave several instrumental selections. The young people ended the evening's pleasure in dancing Pretty souvenirs of pinks tied with a little knot of white satin ribbon were presented each guests. Pink ices were served. Miss Kincaid received a number of elegant presents from her numerous friends



PROF. R. BYRON SHELTON,
Who will appear in the Third Annual Musical Festival, Bethel Church, June 22-23.

Mr. Caldwell of Louisville, Ky., was the guest of his brother, Nelson Caldwell last Sunday.

Mrs. Anna Waid, who was called to the city on account of the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Cooper, returned to her home in Chicago last Thursday.

Elwood Knox and Geo. W. Chivis have returned from Nashville, Tenn., where they attended the opening of the Negro Building at the Tennessee Centennial.

Misses May King and Elizabeth Porter of Lebanon, were guests of Mrs. Ella Palmer Sunday.

Miss Antonia Porter left last Monday night for a trip to Chicago, Detroit, and Canada to spend the summer.

C. H. Thomas, formerly of the Denison tonsorial parlor left Tuesday for Cincinnati, for permanent residence.

Rev. A. L. Murray of Allen Chapel attended the Trustee Board meeting of Wilberforce University at Xenia, O., this week.

Marshall (Major) Taylor, and brother William arrived in the city Saturday from Boston to attend the funeral of their mother.

Elder J. J. Blackshear of Corinthian Baptist church will spend Sunday in Cincinnati where he will preach at the Zion Baptist church.

The Ladies East End Boquet Circle met with Miss Guiny, 123 Lock street. "Resolved, That Woman's Influence is Greater than Man's" was discussed.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodard Stewart of Noblesville, are visiting in Dayton, O., and will visit Washington, D. C., and other points in the East this summer.

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From Indianapolis and other stations Tuesday July 20, 1897, via Big Four and Lake Shore, the direct route. Only $7.00 for round trip. Tickets good to return for five days. H. M. Bronson, A. G. P. A.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Sophronia Taylor, wife of Gilbert Taylor, who was a member of the North Indianapolis Baptist church, died at her home in North Western avenue Friday. and her funeral was conducted by Elder Simmons at Zion church Sunday at 2 o'clock. She was the mother of ten children, eight of whom survive her. Two daughters, Mrs. Alice Barrow, of St. Paul and Mrs. Lizzie Smith of Chicago, and two sons, Wm. A. and Major, who have been in Boston were all present at the funeral. She has been a member of the church twenty-five years, and lived a true, faithful and upright christian. The funeral was largely attended by her many friends. The remains were laid to rest in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Taylor, an old soldier of Willow street, was buried Wednesday by Martin R. Delaney Post. Undertaker Willis had charge of the remains.

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McKenzie Bros.' metal box of Perfumed Talcum Powder, 20c box, for . . . 8c
15c quart bottles of standard Ammonia are now . . . 8c
Concentrated Extract of Witch Hazel, 15c 6-ounce bottles for . . . 8c
Eau de Quinine Hair Tonic. 8-ounce bottle, remodeled price . . . 58c
Graham's Buttermilk Soap, 20c boxes for . . . 10c
Foot Cura, the improved antiseptic foot powder, has proved a relief to many tired and burning feet. We have it on sale at, a bottle . . . 25c

Domestic Department.

6c Brown Muslins are remodeled in price to, a yard . . . 4½c
Heavy Shirting Cheviot is now a yard . . . 7c
30c Scotch Flannel, for outing Shirts, right in season and will cost you now, a yard . . . 22c
Light weight summer Comforts, the pick of $2.50 ones . . . $1.75

Wash Goods.

One lot of Printed Lawns, in both tinted and white grounds, with neat figures, a yard . . . 2½c
28-inch printed Dimities, former prices 12 1-2 and 15c a yard. Remodeling price . . . 7½c
31-inch Printed Batistes, regularly 15c a yard, now . . . 9c
Fancy Checked Linens, 28-inch wide; former price 40c a yard . . . 19c
A small assortment of our 20c Printed Madras Cloths are offered, while they last, at a yard . . . 10c
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Ladies' 25c low-neck, sleeveless Lisle Vests . . . 16c
Ladies' 35c black Lisle Hose . . . 23c
Men's 19c black Cotton Hose . . . 10c

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Space, not profits, is what we are making in this department. Here are more remodeling prices to make more space.

$1.25 and $1.00 Priestley's Plain Black Satin-finished Soliel Cloth, now, a yard, $1.05 and . . . 78c
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$1.00 quality 50-inch Black Imperial Serge, now . . . 76c
$1.25 50-inch Black Clay Worsted, is now . . . 92c
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In our mail yesterday was a letter from a prominent young lady, who has evidently had a "tilt" with her pastor or class-leader about dancing. She quotes David dancing before the Lord and thinks it absurd to make effort to prohibit such fascinating pleasures in these modern times. We have never given the subject much consideration, however, we will invite the young lady to read the following extract:

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